

GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (39/2010)

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Current Exchange Rate	R/\$ 6.99	R/€ 9.50	R/£ 11.15
Last Week:	R/\$ 6.89	R/€ 9.45	R/£ 11.12
Last Year:	R/\$ 7.44	R/€ 11.19	R/£ 12.49

Australia's Seedless Mandarin Program gets good support at National Conference

"... We are currently working with five varieties out of two breeding programs, being from Israel and Sicily, to make up the Australian Seedless Mandarin Program with more varieties currently being evaluated... Growers like transparency when it comes to variety selection and the approach we have taken by showcasing our varieties at the conference, seeking independent trials and sharing this information with growers illustrates this", said Craig Perring, Marketing Coordinator from HFA.

[Freshplaza.com; 15 November 2010]

US: Save our citrus

The National Citrus Institute will hold a day-long conference to take place Tuesday at the National Orange Show Events Center in San Bernardino. The institute has been holding annual conferences in the city since 1919, and in years past those gatherings have been invitation-only events for citrus growers and other industry professionals. Not this year. Due to the dire threat posed by the Asian Citrus Psyllid, the conference is open to the public. Homeowners are urged to attend... In July 2008 the insect hopped the Mexico-U.S. border at Tijuana and has advanced into Southern California. Quarantines are in effect in Imperial, San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties... threatening what still is a \$1.2 billion annual citrus industry in the state... Homeowners are urged to inspect their citrus trees regularly. The Asian Citrus Psyllid is a brownish, aphid-like insect that ranges in size from one-eighth to one-sixteenth of an inch in length. It feeds on bud shoots and the undersides of leaves, and while feeding it adopts a distinctive tilted stance, with its head down and its rear lifted at a 45-degree angle.

[sbsun.com; 15 November 2010]

Peru: Market asks for easy peelers and innovation

As the citrus season ends in Peru, and the export volume has reached normal levels... Export production reached the 2008 volumes, which was around the 62,000 tons, quality has also been excellent and markets have responded positively. For next season there is good flowering and if there are no weather problems the expected harvest will be very good. In terms of markets, Europe is still the most important, but expects the diversification, for example in Asia... Other important markets are in North America. Mexico continues to advance and the U.S. with a 25% share in the Peruvian citrus exports is growing stronger. According to studies conducted in Peru, the U.S. has the potential to consume more Easy Peelers, where Peru has made efforts to change varieties.

[Freshplaza.com; 18 November 2010]

UK: Antioxidants in orange juice prevents diabetes

A new study has claimed that the antioxidants in orange juice could prevent the onset of diabetes. Scientists at Nottingham University have found that the antioxidants provided by a daily glass of orange juice could help to ward off diabetes through benefits to blood vessels that lead to improvements in insulin sensitivity. The research showed that overweight women who take the juice have reduced risk of insulin resistance, a condition also known as pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes results when the body becomes less responsive to the hormone insulin, which controls blood sugar levels.

[diabetes.co.uk; 18 November 2010]

Jamaica citrus industry receives FAO boost

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation has contributed US\$480K to combat citrus greening disease on the island.

[reefertrends; 18 November 2010]

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