



GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (8/2010)

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Korea to export tangerines, apples to U.S.

Korea can export tangerines and apples to the U.S. starting this year. The U.S. agreed to import the fruits at bilateral plant quarantine inspection talks held in Oregon last week, the National Plant Quarantine Service said Wednesday. Korea had exported tangerines to the U.S. from 1995 until 2002, when citrus canker, which causes lesions on the fruit of citrus trees, was discovered in Korea.

In the talks, the Korean delegation emphasized that the disease was not likely to spread through the tangerines, and the U.S. side accepted the point.

[english.chosun.com; 18 March 2010]

EU - Citronas receive first Satsumas from Peru

This week the first Satsumas from Peru will arrive at Citronas. "The season started two to three weeks earlier" Bert van Gelder says. "In addition to favourable growing conditions our producer also had better possibilities to harvest earlier with local growers...." "Citronas expect larger volumes this season than previous years." The Satsuma season from Peru runs till the end of May.

[www.citronas.com; 16 March 2010]

Spain: 1000 hectares of citrus under water

During the last three months an unexpectedly heavy rainy season has affected at least 1000 hectares, mainly of citrus. At the moment, navel oranges have been less affected, but expectations for varieties such as salustiana and cadenera are not so positive.

[www.freshplaza.com; 15 February 2010]

India: Heavy rains damage oranges

Unseasonal rains in the last two-three days in the region may have brought respite to the common man from sweltering heat, but for farmers and orange growers, these have proved to be extremely detrimental... the damage could be anything between 20-40 % of the crop that remains to be harvested as almost 50% of orange has already been harvested.

[timesofindia.indiatimes.com; 15 March 2010]

Winter rains hit Pakistani citrus

Despite crop losses estimated at 20-25% of the total outstanding crop, exporters anticipate a similar volume of fruit shipped to last year.

[Reefer Trends; 15 February 2010]

Morocco: Rainfall caused major losses of citrus

Repeated rainfall caused the flooding of major rivers of the region, plus a number of small rivers that converge at the Gharb plain...As a result, significant losses were recorded in the orchards. The latest damage reports speak of losses between 35,000 and 40,000 tons of citrus in the Gharb only. The region of Souss, was mainly affected by the rains for 15 to 20 days... the damaged citrus are valued at 35,000 tons (20,000 tons of clementines and 15,000 for the Nour variety).

[www.freshplaza.com; 15 February 2010]

Peru: Citrus production to grow by 3.6% this year

The production of citrus will grow by 3.6% in 2010 due to the increase of the yield and the cultivated area, boosted by the growing demand of fresh citrus from the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Holland, projected today the consultant Maximixe. It considered that an opportunity for the citrus industry is that, starting this year, it will enter to the Chinese and Mexican market duty-free. Likewise, the bigger local demand will be favored by the expansion of the supermarkets in an environment where there is more concern about health and the consumption of natural products.

[andina.com.pe; 15 March 2010]

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