

GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (34/2011)

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Current Exchange Rate	R/\$ 7.40	R/€ 10.21	R/£ 11.69
Last Week:	R/\$ 7.14	R/€ 10.02	R/£ 11.41
Last Year:	R/\$ 7.08	R/€ 9.20	R/£ 11.01

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Pakistani Kinnow Mandarins hit Record Export Values

Strong Russian citrus demand helped Pakistan's kinnow mandarin exports push past the US\$100 million mark during the 2010/11 season, website Thenews.com.pk reported. The story reported Russian citrus imports rose 29% year-on-year during the first four months of 2011 with total volumes of 1.5 million metric tons (MT). Harvest Tradings CEO Ahmad Jawad, told website that the season's export values were a new record for Pakistan, while there was still more room for growth in Russia. "Our focus should be on the Russian market with regard to citrus. Russia is ready to absorb as much as we are able to export in the coming season," Jawad was quoted as saying. "We must strive for confidence-building with Russian importers." The story reported Pakistan has 185,000 hectares of citrus fruits planted with annual production of 2.1 million MT, making it the 13th biggest citrus exporter in the world.

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Indonesia to Remove Duty on Kinnow Import

Indonesia has agreed to scrap import tariffs on Pakistani kinnow and the concession will come up for discussion in the eighth round of talks to firm up a preferential trade agreement between Jakarta and Islamabad, sources say. A high-level trade delegation has left for Jakarta for the two-day talks, which will begin on Thursday. The Indonesian side will be led by the director general for international trade while Pakistani team will be headed by Commerce Secretary Zafar Mehmood. The Indonesian tariff concession on kinnow, which came on the demand of Pakistan, is expected to pave the way for a preferential trade accord before the end of this year. So far, the two sides have held seven rounds of talks since June 2006.

[tribune.com.pk/; 14 September 2011]

US(CA): Navel Orange Forecast is Down

The Central Valley's navel orange crop for the coming harvest could be as much as 8.6 percent under the 2010-2011 level, according to a forecast released Monday by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Its initial 2011-2012 Navel orange forecast is for 88.0 million cartons. In the last harvest, which wrapped up in the spring, a total of 93 million cartons were harvested. There are roughly 40 pounds of oranges in each carton... Survey data indicate a fruit set per tree of 318, below the five-year average of 353 and well below last season's 418. The average September 1 diameter was low at 2.27, but above the five-year average of 2.246. There are about 133,500 acres of land in California devoted to growing Navels, with an average of 133 trees per acre. Those numbers are the same as last season, the NASS says.

[centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/; 13 September 2011]

Argentina: Lemon exports similar to last year's campaign

The president for the Citrus Association of Tucuman, Roberto Sánchez Loria, said that the frosts affected the end result of the exportable amounts for lemon, since they expected to have numbers higher than the last campaign... Talking to LV12, Sánchez Loria informed that "this year's campaign is still not over though, so some fruits for transformation are still being harvested, but not to export as there's no quality for it", confirming that "export is almost over and the outcome is that we have similar numbers to last year, we're talking about 150,000 tons, which is not that much"... Sánchez Loria mentioned that "Europe is going through a rough period and that is going to affect the buying power" of Argentinian exports in general.

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