

GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (2016_1)

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Zimbabwean govt to pay Interfresh US \$27m

The Zimbabwean government have been ordered to pay \$27 million to Interfresh Limited as compensation for the firm's seven farms that were compulsorily acquired under the land reform programme, the Administrative Court has ruled. The Court judge Justice Herbert Mandeya ruled that Interfresh successfully proved that the value of the citrus fruit plantations on the farms was \$27 million while the government failed to justify its offer of \$5 million. Interfresh owned the seven farms -- Smithfield Estate, Bloomfield, Clifton, Laurencedale, Goldendale Estate, Remainder of Cornucopia and Yarrowdale -- that were under fruits in various provinces of the country. In 2013, Government compulsorily acquired the seven pieces of land but in terms of the law, Interfresh was entitled to compensation for the improvements on the farms...The Compensation Committee convened a series of meetings with the parties to determine an appropriate figure for compensation without success...In April last year, Interfresh filed an appeal at the Administrative Court challenging the decision by the Compensation Committee.

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Turkish citrus growers expect support

Due to the Russian crisis and the closing of the Habur Border Gate to Iraq, the domestic market has been flooded with an abundance of oranges, causing the prices to fall to 11 Euro cents a kilo. Turkish growers, as a result, are struggling to find buyers for their produce...In Adana, citrus growers are calling for more support financially; Chamber of Agricultural Engineers Adana Branch President Semih Karademir predicts that the damage to Adana's citrus economy due to the Russian crisis is around 250 million dollars, he argues that the government should at least take some steps to minimise the damage. "In the short term, as part of the Farmers Registry System (FRS), the state should meet at least half of citrus growers' costs."

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Orange "safest fruits for pregnant women"

Oranges have amazing benefits for both mother and baby during pregnancy. Naturally rich in vitamin C, the fruit not only boosts the immune system of the mother to-be but also helps in the release of iron and zinc from other foods, which are vital to strengthen the immune system of not just the mother but also of the baby. According to a research, higher intake of vitamin C during pregnancy can reduce the risk of an infant's allergic disease and assist in keeping the baby's brain healthy. There are also other amazing benefits of including oranges during pregnancy, such as balancing hydration, developing the placenta and treating kidney stones.

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Eating berries and citrus 'cuts erectile dysfunction risk'

...Lead researcher Professor Aedin Cassidy, from the UK's University of East Anglia (UEA), and colleagues in the US from the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health in Boston spearheaded the study into erectile dysfunction...Professor Cassidy and her team suggest that eating more flavonoid-rich foods is as beneficial for erectile dysfunction as walking briskly for up to five hours weekly...The researchers found that men who consumed foods high in flavonoids - particularly anthocyanins, flavones and flavanones - had a lower risk of erectile dysfunction than men who did not consume such foods..."The top sources of anthocyanins, flavones and flavanones consumed in the US are strawberries, blueberries, red wine, apples, pears and citrus products," Professor Cassidy noted...The researchers published their findings in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Spain: Andalusia boosts grapefruit cultivation

...In 2014/15, growers in Andalusia produced 22,231.37 tonnes of the varieties Star Ruby, Marsh and Rio Red; an increase of 43.7% compared to the previous four years. As regards the acreage, it remained stable compared to the previous year (597 hectares), although production volumes increased by 16% due to the ideal weather conditions and good field management, as evidenced by the yield figures, which stood around 37,238 tonnes per hectare (up 72.3% compared to the period 2010-2014)... While grapefruit is not consumed as often in Spain as in the rest of Europe, it is becoming increasingly common in the shopping basket thanks to its diuretic and cleansing properties...Outside Spain, one of the countries with the highest consumption is the UK, which is where much of the exports go, as last season its imports totalled 6,000 tonnes, i.e. 15% more than in 2013/14...

[Freshplaza.com; 14 January 2016]

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