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Copa-Cogeca calls on EU for stricter citrus measures

...Copa- Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen warned "Unless the EU Commission takes tough action and puts in place real measures to prevent the spread of the contagious disease, there is a real risk it will enter the EU. Figures show that 15 cases were detected at the borders in citrus fruit imports from South Africa in 2015, 25 in 2014, and 35 in 2013. This far exceeds the EU Commissions permissible limit of 5 as set out in EC Decision 2014/422...This is unacceptable. The situation is unsustainable. Measures currently in place are not sufficient." ...There will not be any phytosanitary products to combat the disease...For all these reasons, Copa and Cogeca urges the European Commission to revise current EU rules and adopt decisive measures such as automatically banning imports of citrus fruit from areas contaminated with *Guignardia citricarpa* after the sixth case has been intercepted and closely monitor imports from Argentina... "We cannot take the risk of importing the disease. The impact would be catastrophic for EU citrus fruit producers," he said.

[Freshplaza.com; 10 March 2016]

Argentina imports Spanish oranges due to lack of crops

Héctor José Pellegrino, head of Central Market, told Radio Brisas that, since there was no harvest of oranges in the Coast because of the floods, the country had had to import oranges from Spain and prices had increased. "The oranges in the Coast can't be harvested because of the floods and the Spanish oranges are sold at 40 pesos a kilo," said Pellegrino. He also stated that things would improve in a month and a half because orange production was Argentina's strength. Pellegrino asked people not to consume citrus, as prices were very expensive; some places were even charging 100 pesos for a kilo of limes. "Consumers can buy grapes or lemons from Tucuman for 12 pesos," he stated...

[radiobrisas.com ; 10 March 2016]

Extra EU support for Cyprus' citrus sector

EU support is set to counteract the Russian food embargo on European food products; Cyprus' Agriculture Minister Nicos Kouyialis is set to secure additional EU support for the local citrus trees sector and agriculture in general. "...Cyprus is now in a position to absorb €3 million in financial support on the citrus sector"...

[cyprus-mail.com; 10 March 2016]

16 ways to use citrus to clean your house

... Lemons and oranges are great for cleaning, especially when combined with basic household products like vinegar and baking soda. Citrus contains d-limonene, a natural solvent that cuts through grease and dirt, and will leave your house smelling fresher than ever. All-purpose citrus spray cleaner: Place citrus peels in a glass jar... Pour white vinegar over peels and let mixture sit for 2 weeks. Remove and discard peels. Dilute flavoured vinegar with water...Pour into a spray bottle and use to clean ceramic, stone, porcelain, marble, granite, and laminate surfaces...Shortcut: Pour vinegar, water, and freshly squeezed lemon juice in a spray bottle for instant natural cleaning power...Scrub underarm stains with equal parts lemon juice and water...Use straight lemon juice for ink stains, preferably as soon as they happen, then wash garment in cold water...Get rid of mildew or rust stains on clothes with a paste of lemon juice and salt, then let dry in sunlight...Add fresh lemon juice to a wash cycle to brighten whites and remove mineral stains...Mix equal parts of baking soda and lemon juice and use as a mild bleach soak for whites... Place a half lemon in the dishwasher for a fresh- and clean-smelling load of dishes...Rub a half lemon or a lemon juice-soaked cloth over copper pots and buff with a dry cloth to polish...Polish brass and aluminium with a paste of lemon juice and cream of tartar, then buff with a dry cloth...Add a teaspoon of lemon juice to liquid dish detergent to give it extra degreasing power...Make a natural air freshener with fresh lemon juice and water in a spray bottle...Make furniture polish with ½ cup lemon juice and 1 cup olive oil...Keep a lemon half in the fridge to keep it smelling fresh...Clean your microwave by placing a half lemon in a bowl of water and cooking on high for three minutes. Simply wipe down the microwave and it will smell fresh...

[www.treehugger.com; April 2014]

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