

Global Citrus Scan (2017_39)

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Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

Florida citrus forecast slashed after Irma

The 2017/18 Florida citrus crop will fall well short of initial USDA estimates following the losses caused by Hurricane Irma...An FCM survey of growers conducted post Irma pegged total fruit loss at more than 50 per cent with some reports of 100 per cent fruit loss in the southwest part of the state...The USDA's total orange forecast is for 54m cartons, made up of 23m cartons of early and mid-season and 31m cartons of Valencias. The total grapefruit forecast is for 4.9m cartons, with whites at 900,000 cartons and coloured at 4m cartons...FCM's grower survey predicts that the 2017/18 orange crop will be closer to 31m cartons...

[www.fruitnet.com/americafruit; 13 October 2017]

Turkey will see a shortage of lemons

The lemon season in Turkey has just started. According to Gokhan Soylu of Soylu Gida, Turkey, the lemon season usually starts in September and ends in June. Soylu recently started their season for Meyer lemons and have already noticed a few things. Soylu explains that this year they will experience a shortage in the number of lemons, but the quality will be much higher than last year's...

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Spain: Andalusia expects to produce almost 2 million tonnes of citrus fruits

The citrus production forecast of the Council of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development of Andalusia for the 2017/2018 campaign points to a volume totalling 2,018,048 tonnes; a figure that implies stability compared to 2016/2017...this figure is 1.6% greater than the average of the last four seasons... Compared to the previous season, the sweet orange and mandarin harvests are expected to fall by 4.3% and 1.7%, respectively, while the lemon production will grow by 13%. At national level, the Andalusian orange production is expected to account for 47% of the domestic total; that of mandarins will account for 18% and that of lemons for 13% of the total...In the 2016/17 campaign, Andalusia's production stood at 2.07 million tonnes, with 18% of that being exported. By species, sweet orange exports from Andalusia reached 275,000 tonnes (184 million Euro), accounting for 17.5% of the production. As for mandarins, exports exceeded 50,000 tonnes (44 million Euro), which represented 14.3% of the production. Lastly, lemon exports amounted to 36,000 tonnes (50 million Euro), which corresponded to 31.2% of the production...

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Ukraine: Citrus consumption on the rise again

...During the 2016/17 campaign (September 2016-August 2017), Ukraine purchased 290 thousand tonnes of citrus fruits on the foreign market, which is 16% more than in the previous season. For comparison, in the 2015/16 campaign, only 250 thousand tonnes of these fruits were imported to the Ukrainian market, which was the lowest figure of the last 5 years. The undisputed leader in the supply of citrus fruits to Ukraine is Turkey, which in the past season accounted for about 56% of all imports. It should be noted that compared to the 2015/16 campaign, Turkey increased its presence in the Ukrainian market by 6%. Next in the ranking of Ukraine's greatest citrus suppliers are Egypt and Italy, with a 12% and 5% share, respectively.

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Citrus production in Iran to be up 7% this year

It is estimated that some 5 million tons of citrus fruits will be produced in Iran during the current fiscal year that started March 21. This will mark a 7% increase compared with last year's production, the director general at the Tropical and Subtropical Fruits Department of the Ministry of Agriculture said.

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