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Argentine lemons: Following successful return to U.S. and Japan, industry sets sights on China

After a successful return to the U.S. market, the Argentinian lemon industry is aiming towards boosting its market portfolio by opening new export destinations. Speaking to Fresh Fruit Portal at last month's PMA Fresh Summit held in Orlando, Florida, Pedro Omodeo of exporter Latin Lemon explained that along with the industry's plans to steadily build a presence in the North American country, it is also hoping to gain a strong foothold in Asia. In August this year, Argentina shipped its first lemons to Japan since 2003 following a visit from phytosanitary inspectors. Omodeo said that the industry is hoping that successfully supplying a demanding market like Japan will help it to open up other important markets in the region, such as China. "We think that if everything goes well between both countries' governments, will be able to [begin exporting to China] by next year or 2020," he said. "There is already a formal presentation from the government of Argentina requesting the opening [of the market] ... [we are] trying to make a protocol very similar to the one in Japan because the experience was good for the fruit arriving with cold treatment." ... Speaking about Argentina's return to the U.S., which last year reopened for the South American country after a 17-year hiatus, Omodeo said that this first season had gone very well, despite the strict export protocol... Argentina took advantage of an eight-week window after California's season but before the heavy Mexican volumes, and Omodeo said the plan is to slowly and cautiously build up volumes. "We are going to be careful. First, we want them to get to know our lemons, their characteristics ... but without sending excessive volumes that only complicate exports. We want to be competitive in the commercial windows that the U.S. give us," he said... Exports typically run from April through August, and Europe is the country's leading market. [Freshfruitportal; 13 November 2018]

South Africa: Citrus farmers complain about lack of water licenses

Citrus farmers in Limpopo have complained that a lack of water licences is a paramount problem hampering food production. The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Gugile Nkwinti, has vowed to establish schedule 3 institutions to accelerate the issuing of water use licenses. The matter was one of the most critical outcomes of the ministerial innovators interactive session hosted recently. Addressing about 400 delegates, Nkwinti said the proposed licensing institution by his department should be established along the lines of the evaluator-general in the department of rural development and land affairs, with the prerequisite skills and capacity. "The delay of the issuing of the licenses to businesses, especially emerging farmers, can no longer be tolerated," said Nkwinti. He also announced his intention of appointing a ministerial advisory council, to be drawn from water experts, water scientists and civil engineers. "This matter of the department working in solo mode must come to an end. I want to remove all bureaucratic processes so that the department can deliver its mandate without any further delay," he added. Professor Washington Nyabeze called on the department to speedily establish the rest of the catchment management agencies (CMA), as envisaged. "Let's implement the CMAs urgently to allow them to manage water issues in their own areas. "Citrus farmers in Limpopo complained a lack of water licenses was a paramount problem hampering food production. [Citizen.co.za; 13 November 2018]

5 Health benefits of eating grapefruits that you didn't know about

Grapefruits are commonly added as energizing ingredients of a healthy breakfast. In fact, the tropical fruit tops as one of the most nutritious of citrus fruits. This is largely due to its healthy composition of powerful nutrients. These include essential nutrients such as potassium, lycopene, sugar, phosphorus, and sugar as well. Here is a look at the health benefits of eating grapefruits:

1. Assists in weight loss:

You can make grapefruits a crucial part of your weight reduction plans as these help with weight loss... Studies show that grapefruits are useful in improving lipid levels and blood pressure. Both of these factors are associated with obesity.

2. May help suppress anxiety:

Grapefruit works well as an appetite suppressant too... The significant amount of fiber present in grapefruits makes you feel full, which keeps overeating at bay

3. May help strengthen your immune system:

Grapefruit can also help boost your immune health. It is packed with a substantial amount of vitamin C, which showcases antioxidant properties. These help safeguard cells from harmful pathogens including viruses and bacteria...

4. May help with heart health and blood pressure:

Grapefruit contains heart-healthy nutrients such as vitamin C, lycopene, choline, potassium, and fiber. All of the nutrients promote good heart health...

5. Helps enhance energy levels:

Lastly, grapefruit can also help a person deal with fatigue by helping to improve his energy levels. Essentially, the fruit juice makes a refreshing drink....

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