

Global Citrus Scan (2020_2)

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Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

AVA-ASAJA estimates that the storm has caused losses of 62.6 million in the Valencian countryside

Citrus, agricultural infrastructure, seasonal vegetables and livestock take the worst part of a storm that has caused damage by wind, cold, cold drop and hail mainly in the regions of La Ribera, L'Horta Sud, La Safor and La Marina. The initial valuation of AVA-ASAJA, carried out after collecting information from farmers and agricultural insurance collaborators, increases the losses in citrus fruits - oranges and tangerines of the second half of the campaign - to 46.5 million euros. Of these, 39.6 million correspond to fruits thrown to the ground due to strong wind gusts, an amount that amounts to 132,000 tons... Floods and water accumulation in the fields, aggravated by the overflows of rivers and ravines, represent 4.7 million losses by affecting 500 hectares and causing the loss of whole crops and even, in the most dramatic cases, the future death of the trees. Finally, hail has caused occasional damage in a thousand hectares, mainly in La Ribera, L'Horta Sud and La Safor, with average damages of 30% of the harvest and damages of 2.2 million...

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Importer secures "substantial and exclusive" supply of Egyptian oranges for the 2019/2020 campaign

In the Netherlands, Jaguar the Fresh Company has announced that it has secured what it has described as a "substantial and exclusive" supply of Egyptian oranges for the 2019/2020 season... Kees Rijnhout, CEO of the Jaguar Group, said that his company had a long history of supplying Egyptian oranges to the group's extensive retail and wholesale client base. "This season however will see us finally embarking on a complete 12 month cycle of supplying Fairtrade certified oranges," he explained. "We are able to do this by combining our Egyptian supplies with our established South African Fairtrade programmes..."

[fruitnet.com/eurofruit; 20 January 2020]

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Oranges: Global orange production for 2019/20 is forecast to fall 5.8 million metric tons (tons) from the previous year to 47.5 million as unfavorable weather leads to smaller crops in Brazil, Egypt, the European Union, and Morocco. Consequently, consumption, fruit for processing, and fresh exports are also forecast lower. Brazil's production is forecast to fall 22 percent to 15.1 million tons... China's production is projected up slightly to 7.3 million on favorable weather... Egypt and South Africa are the top suppliers, accounting for over 70 percent of imports. U.S. production is forecast to rise 1 percent to 4.9 million tons... Production in the European Union is forecast to drop 10 percent to 5.8 million tons... Egypt's production is forecast to decrease 17 percent to 3.0 million tons... Exports are projected 200,000 tons lower to 1.5 million on reduced supplies, but still account for one-third of global trade... South Africa's production is expected to rise 4 percent to 1.6 million tons... Exports are forecast at 1.3 million tons... Mexico's production is forecast to be steady at 4.4 million tons... Morocco's production is forecast to decline 31 percent to 815,000 tons...

Tangerines/Mandarins: Global production for 2019/20 is forecast down 1.0 percent to 31.7 million tons with declines in the European Union, Morocco, Turkey, and the United States more than offsetting a larger crop in China... China's production is forecast to rise 1.0 million tons to a record 23.0 million... China accounts for over 70 percent of global production and consumption and over one-quarter of global exports... Production in the European Union is expected to drop 570,000 tons to 2.6 million... Morocco and South Africa are the leading suppliers to the EU market. Turkey's production is forecast down 9 percent to 1.5 million tons... Production in Morocco is projected to slide down 34 percent to 910,000... U.S. production is forecast down 14 percent to 844,000 tons due to a smaller crop in California.

Grapefruit: Global production in 2019/20 is forecast up 3 percent to a record 7.0 million tons... China's production is forecast up slightly to a record 4.9 million tons on favorable weather and expanded area.

Lemons: Global production in 2019/20 is forecast down 586,000 tons to 7.9 million due to lower production in Argentina, the European Union, Turkey, and the United States. With the decline in available supplies, global consumption and fruit for processing are both expected to be down while exports from Argentina and South Africa are forecast at new records. Mexico's production is forecast to expand slightly to 2.4 million tons on improved yields...

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