

Global Citrus Scan (2020_24)

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Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

Europe suspends Argentine citrus imports until May

Europe has suspended all imports citrus until May 2021 following numerous detections of citrus black spot over recent months. The decision, which was taken unilaterally and came into effect on Sunday, applies to oranges, mandarins, lemons and grapefruit until April 31 next year. The Argentine government has sought to negotiate with the European Commission 50% of the exportable citrus grower still left to be harvested. According to Argentina newspaper, La Nacion, Argentine growers blame the Spanish citrus industry for pushing for the suspension. They also expect the move to result in losses in the orange sector of at least US\$ 40m.

[Freshfruitportal.com; 17 August 2020]

Peru aims to consolidate Asian growth

Erick Aponte, trade commissioner at PromPeru for Hong Kong and South-East Asia, said Asia has become a very big priority for Peru. "Since 2005, our exports to Asia have grown exponentially, and this trend is forecast to continue in 2020," explained Aponte. "For this reason, we have been negotiating access to these markets for the 2020-2021 season." Peru is hoping it will gain market access to export its cranberries to India and Malaysia, citrus into India and Vietnam...

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South African orange season to end early

The Valencia season in the north of South Africa is winding down with lower export volumes from Durban within the next few weeks, while in the Western, Northern and Eastern Cape a normal Valencia harvest is getting underway. The original Valencia export estimate of 50.3 million 15kg cartons has been reduced to 48.7 million cartons for Southern Africa, which includes Zimbabwe and Eswatini (Swaziland)...In the important Valencia production area of Letsitele the estimate has been reduced by a million cartons. Their late Valencias are better than the Midnights with smaller sizes and good colour and pack-outs...Most growers in Letsitele and Senwes are expected to finish packing between weeks 34 to 36, about two to three weeks early...

[Freshplaza.com; 11 August 2020]

First Argentina lemons in China

Last Friday the 7th of August in the afternoon, the vessel Maersk Labrea arrived from Buenos Aires - Argentina into the port of Hong Kong...On that vessel were the first lemons from Argentina destined for the People's Republic of China. An historic moment! ...The protocol makes it mandatory that the lemons are subjected to cold treatment (between 2 and 3 degrees) in transit to prevent fruit flies. On arrival the lemons showed a good condition after the journey, which is promising for the coming years and the development of the lemons export from Argentina to China...

[Freshplaza.com; 10 August 2020]

Trump will maintain the same tariffs with which he is "punishing" Spanish producers

The news is a blow for the farmers and ranchers of Seville and Andalusia, who still had some hope until August 12, the date on which the United States had to communicate its decision, at the end of the period of public consultations about the relevance of eliminating, maintain or even increase the current tariffs, derived from the conflict with Airbus...The value of European products subject to tariff rates will remain at 7,500 million euros, 15% for aeronautical products and 25% for all others...

[Fruittoday.com; 14 August 2020]