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Argentina decries "clear injustice" of EU citrus suspension over CBS

An industry representative says that exporters are working hard to find alternative markets for their oranges, and believes that the true number of CBS detections in Europe may be far lower than the official figure..
[Freshfruitportal.com; 27 August 2020]

"Disappointing period for mandarins recently, no stocks of oranges"

In general, overseas citrus sales are going particularly well this summer. Only the mandarins are currently a negative exception to the rule, according to Eddy Kreukniet of Exsa Europe…"The oranges have much more stable sales. In recent years the orange market went wrong more often in the months of October and November, but that is not going to happen this year, because there are practically no stocks. As a result of the recent delays - and with the peaks behind us - it will be a lot more difficult to fill in the demand in the last part of the season," notes Eddy. The announced EU import ban for Argentinian oranges and lemons will mainly affect the lemon market, he says. "At the start of the season, the larger harvest in South Africa and normal harvest in Argentina caused a nervous market. The export stop from Argentina has played a positive role in South Africa. If Argentina had sent the regular lemons, they would have seriously been in each others way. The lemon market is now stable. The Spanish and Turkish season will traditionally start in September, but we are not bothered by that yet…He describes the grapefruit market as positively boring. "There are no failures there. The volumes are under control and the supply from South Africa has been very stable. The first volumes from Mexico are now also on the water and Israel and Turkey will start up again at the end of September…"
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Chinese market in Jiaxing hosts welcoming ceremony for Chilean oranges

The Chilean Orange Association organized a welcoming ceremony in Jiaxing Haiguangxing Market for the first shipping container of Chilean oranges to enter the Chinese market. Every year, around 18 million Chilean oranges are exported around the world between May and November. Chile is the second-largest orange exporter in the Southern Hemisphere because their production volume is huge and they offer a wide product variety…" China imports huge volumes of oranges from the Southern Hemisphere. The import volume of Egyptian oranges also rapidly expanded in recent years. However, the market has suffered greatly from the outbreak of Covid-19 earlier this year…South African grapefruit are doing particularly well…The Chilean oranges and lemons have a great price-quality ratio in comparison with oranges and lemons from other countries. Furthermore, they do not require refrigeration. These Chilean citrus products have a distinct advantage in the Chinese market"…
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Chinese import volume of South African oranges shows no signs of decline in week 33

This is the time of year when many imported orange varieties enter the Chinese market. This includes oranges from South Africa, Egypt, the USA, and Australia. The South African oranges have a distinct market advantage this year because their product quality is excellent, and there is a great variety. Mr. Chen Zhiwei of Guangzhou New Origin Fresh Import and Export Trade Co., Ltd. recently talked about the current retail conditions of imported oranges from South Africa…"Many traders have adopted a more careful and hesitant approach in the second half of this year. However, the WHO advice to eat oranges because vitamin C strengthens the immune system, has been a great stimulus for market demand. This is of course also reflected in the retail price. All in all, South African oranges are doing quite well in the Chinese market. The import volume has shown no sign of decline in week 33."…
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