

Global Citrus Scan (2020_27)

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Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

Crunch time for Spanish citrus

The 2019/20 season was one of the most successful in recent history for Spain's citrus industry, with prices significantly higher than the five-year average due to strong demand and the shorter crop. The results were revealed at a meeting held by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPA) on Thursday to announce the forecasts for 2020/21. The new season crop is expected to weigh in at 6.93m tonnes, 12 per cent above last year's total and 5 per cent higher than the five-year average. Soft citrus production is expected to rise by 12 per cent, while lemons are forecast to rise by 8 per cent. Orange and grapefruit volumes are set to fall by 1 per cent and 3 per cent respectively... "If we take into account that the normal percentage of losses is always between 3 and 4 per cent, we can see that this year will go down in history as one in which we have made the most of the harvest," said consultant Paco Borrás... However, Borrás warned that deep-rooted structural problems within mandarin and orange production persist and a failure to address these issues would hold back the development of the industry. The fragmented and poorly organised nature of Spain's production base, structural deficiencies in the supply chain, draconian export protocols hindering access to new markets, a lack of promotional activities for mandarins and oranges and the absence of a functioning interprofessional for mandarins and oranges were the major issues that needed to be addressed, Borrás noted.

[fruitnet.com/eurofruit; 18 September 2020]

AILIMPO Grapefruit estimates for the 2020/2021 season

AILIMPO's grapefruit production estimate for the 2020/2021 campaign indicates a harvest forecast in Spain of 73,692 tons, which is within the average harvest for the last 10 years. The Spanish campaign will begin in October as the Mexican grapefruit campaign comes to an end. The 2019/2020 season, which has already ended, has been closed with a total harvest of 85,688 tonnes, which was mainly destined for export to the German and French markets, which account for more than 50% of our total sales... The internal market is estimated at 7,000 tonnes. Finally, the industry processed 14,200 tonnes.

[Ailimpo; 29 September 2020]

Ailimpo's Lemon Forecast

Spain will lead the lemon market in 2020/2021 with a total production volume of 1,290,000 Tons... By variety, a 14% increase is expected in the case of FINO lemon and a slight decrease of 5% in the Verna variety. The Fino Lemon season begins at the end of September and will gradually be developed to enter into full swing during the month of October until July 2021.

[Ailimpo; 29 September 2020]

Peru is expected to export more than 250,000 tons of citrus fruits this year

Peruvian citrus exports have registered a notable increase in 2020. The country had exported a total of 225,767 tons of citrus by week 34 (August 23), i.e. 38% more than by the same week of 2019, according to the general manager of the Association of Citrus Producers of Peru (Procitrus), Sergio del Castillo Valderrama. In this period, mandarins increased by 44%; oranges increased by 47%; tangelo decreased by 1%; Sutil lemon grew by 20%, and the Tahiti lime and grapefruit grew by 26%...

[FreshPlaza.com; 30 September 2020]

Attempting to build up Anyue lemons in the global market

Anyue is one of the five main lemon producing bases in the world, and owns 80% of China's lemon market share... China's largest lemon producer. Yang Xiubin, head of Sichuan provincial agriculture department, stated that the export value of Anyue lemons has tripled this year. Also, the brand value has reached 2.6 billion dollars... Uganda's Vice President Edward Ssekandi showed a video in his address at the WLIDC. Ssekandi urged to accelerate future exchange of lemon planting experience between two countries and to introduce the improved varieties of Anyue lemon.

[FreshPlaza.com; 28 September 2020]