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Morocco

Citrus Semi-annual

Record Citrus Production Brings Marketing Challenges

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Report Highlights:

Following the 2018 annual report, Morocco experienced record citrus production this season in some regions. Berkane, in eastern Morocco, saw a 25 percent increase and Beni Mellal, in central Morocco, reported an 18 percent increase. The increase in production in the MY2018–19 brought marketing challenges. Due to a lack of sufficient and modern packinghouses and cold-storage facilities, many farmers had to dump their product onto the market.

Crop Update:

Following the annual report, the citrus production made records this season in some regions, especially in Berkane, in eastern Morocco, with a 25 percent increase and Beni Mellal, in central Morocco, with an 18 percent increase. The increase in Morocco's citrus production in the MY 2018/19 has been very difficult to commercialize. Due to a lack of sufficient and modern packinghouses and cold-storage facilities, many farmers had to dump their product onto the market.

Post adjusts the area planted, area harvested and production numbers based on the final data received from Morocco's citrus producer federation (Maroc Citrus)

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh

HS-080520, 080521, 080522, 080529

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
Market Begin Year	Sep 2016		Sep 2017		Sep 2018	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	63,420	63,420	64,516	64,516	65,300	64,995
Area Harvested	55,167	55,167	57,321	57,321	58,050	58,673
Bearing Trees	19,800	19,800	19,850	19,850	19,900	19,900
Non-Bearing Trees	6,730	6,730	6,750	6,750	6,800	6,800
Total No. Of Trees	26,530	26,530	26,600	26,600	26,700	26,700
Production	1,278	1,278	1,185	1,185	1,350	1,375
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,278	1,278	1,185	1,185	1,350	1,375
Exports	516	516	539	539	585	595
Fresh Dom. Consumption	762	762	646	646	765	780
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	1,278	1,278	1,185	1,185	1,350	1,375

(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)

Oranges, Fresh

HS-080510

Oranges, Fresh	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2016		Oct 2017		Oct 2018	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	57,040	57,040	57,255	57,255	58,750	58,437
Area Harvested	52,185	52,185	52,750	52,750	53,500	54,938
Bearing Trees	16,900	16,900	16,950	16,950	17,000	17,000
Non-Bearing Trees	1,585	1,585	1,590	1,590	1,595	1,595
Total No. Of Trees	18,485	18,485	18,540	18,540	18,595	18,595
Production	1,037	1,037	1,021	1,021	1,200	1,183
Imports	0	0	-	-	-	-
Total Supply	1,037	1,037	1,021	1,021	1,200	1,183
Exports	165	165	145	145	190	130
Fresh Dom. Consumption	822	822	826	826	950	993
For Processing	50	50	50	50	60	60
Total Distribution	1,037	1,037	1,021	1,021	1,200	1,183

(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)

Orange Juice (65° brix basis)

HS-200911, 200912, 200919

Orange Juice	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2016		Oct 2017		Oct 2018	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Deliv. To Processors	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	60,000	60,000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
Imports	3,082	3,082	2,700	2,148	2,100	3,200
Total Supply	8,082	8,082	7,700	7,148	8,100	9,200
Exports	3,782	3,782	3,600	4,282	4,300	4,300
Domestic Consumption	4,300	4,300	4,100	2,866	3,800	4,900
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	8,082	8,082	7,700	7,148	8,100	9,200
(MT)						

Lemons/Limes, Fresh

HS-080550

Lemons/Limes, Fresh	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2016		Oct 2017		Oct 2018	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	3,820	3,820	3,910	3,910	3,950	3,969
Area Harvested	2,950	2,950	2,980	2,980	3,050	3,044
Bearing Trees	1,560	1,560	1,570	1,570	1,600	1,600
Non-Bearing Trees	375	375	385	385	0	0
Total No. Of Trees	1,935	1,935	1,955	1,955	1,600	1,600
Production	40	40	36	36	45	45
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	40	40	36	36	45	45
Exports	13	13	9	9	17	15
Fresh Dom. Consumption	27	27	27	27	28	30
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	40	40	36	36	45	45
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Policy: No update.