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Season's greetings from APWN

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Australia

Farmer's pay up when it comes to market access

Weekly Times, 17 December 2008, p4

Australian Horticultural Exporters Association deputy chairman David Minnis said that industry has to drive efforts to crack export markets despite Horticulture Australia having a market access committee. He was commenting on the fact that farmers and grower groups are being forced to fund their own market access development, despite already paying government levies to help boost exports.

Reid Fruits owner Tim Reid said that his company had invested \$600,000 since 1999 to try to win market access for cherries to Japan. He said that issues could no longer be left to the Federal Government. Fruit Growers Tasmania also contributed \$100,000 towards the cherry access cost and the Tasmania government also contributed. Merrigum fruit grower John Corboy said that every successful market access application cost growers money. Its not the way it should be, he said.

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Market access frustrating and bewildering and a major cost to horticulture

Weekly Times, 17 December 2008, p17

Horticultural exporter David Minnis quotes numerous examples of failed access for Australian stone fruit to export markets and questions why, in many cases, the reverse trade to Australia has been openly supported by Australian authorities, seemingly with any thought of a level playing field lost in the inequities. The loss of access of stone fruit to Taiwan is one case in point. After three years we are no closer to regaining access and the cost so far for stone fruit, cherries, apples, pears and nashi is \$60m in lost export earnings. Meanwhile Japan, Korea, and the US have regained access in periods of two to three months.

Australian exporters lack of access to world markets and the slow progress of negotiations are holding back horticulture. Horticulture will decline if growers don't export as our domestic market is not large enough to support our production. Domestic market prices have collapsed as a consequence. Since 2001/02 Australian fresh fruit and vegetable exports have declined by \$242m or more than 31 per cent.

Equally frustrating for exporters was the first meeting in 12 months with the new Federal Minister for Agriculture Tony Burke that lasted just 20 minutes as the Minister had to attend Caucus. Federal Trade Minister Simon Crean has proven to be similarly elusive.

Apple and pear prices pick up as other seasonal crops fall short

Weekly Times, 17 December 2008, p73

As cool store stocks 'tighten up' prices for apples and pears have greatly increased and been excellent for growers, said APAL g/m Tony Russell. Pears that were returning \$1.80/kg to growers five weeks ago are now returning \$3/kg. Pink Lady apples are returning \$4/kg. Goulburn Valley grower/packer Andrew Plunkett said that mango volumes are down and stone fruit crops haven't produced big crops early, holding prices up and flowing on to apple and pear demand. While growers are 'very happy' with recent prices, he said that much of their crops were sold earlier with little left to sell at the higher prices. [Return to Front Page](#)

Peach trees respond to post harvest irrigations

Country News, www.countrynews.com, 16 December 2008, p9

The impact of post harvest irrigation is being measured on fruit set of 204 peaches at the orchard of Ross Wheelhouse in Toolamba, Goulburn Valley. DPI researcher Ian Goodwin said that trees that received more than a 100 per cent irrigation post harvest (treatments were 50, 75, 100, 160 and 200 per cent of the normal irrigation regime) had a higher fruit set than those that received less. Fruit from the most stressed trees was heavier than fruit from well watered trees, most likely the result of the higher fruit set. Fruit yields will be assessed this season. [Return to Front Page](#)

Seasonal Pacific Island workers to receive airfare help and equal pay with Australians

Sun Herald, 14 December 2008, p27

Unskilled workers from Pacific Island nations Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea will be allowed to stay for seven months under the trial seasonal worker scheme. Farmers will pay half the cost of airfares and the workers will be paid award wages. Australian Workers Union assistant national secretary Ben Swan said that there is a recognised shortage of labour in the horticultural industry. He said that workers would get the same pay, terms and conditions as Australians with rates beginning at \$14.30 an hour for full time employees. [Return to Front Page](#)

HAL appoints three new directors

Murray Pioneer, Renmark, South Australia, 12 December 2008, p16

Vacancies on the Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) board were created after the retirement of Terry Hill, Sandra Hook and Peter Walker, all director's since HAL's establishment in January 2001. New directors elected at the AGM on November 27 are Professor Clark Emeritus, visiting research professor to Tasmania's Institute of Agricultural Research, Lisa Cork, horticultural marketing specialist and Jan Davis, formerly with Growcom and other industry groups, and currently a non-executive director of Plant Health Australia and chair of the Australian Agricultural Colleges Corporation. [Return to Front Page](#)

Fruit and vegetables on tap

www.freshplaza.com , source: franchise.net.au, 11 December 2008

With today's focus on healthy eating, RP Vending has jumped to the challenge with its new Schools Go Fresh service. After a year of trials, state-of-the-art fresh food vending machines are now in schools across Victoria, stocking a variety of individually packed fruit and vegetable snacks in time for the start of the 2009 term.

The vending franchise company provides a range of machines with an internal temperature of three degrees, so it's able to contain a selection of products. With the development in fresh food vending machines, it opens up more opportunities for vending operators to provide hotels, staff canteens and more schools with a complete vending solution. [Return to Front Page](#)

Murray Darling Basin soon to be a Commonwealth responsibility

Country News, www.countrynews.com , 9 December 2008, p10

The Commonwealth will take control of the Murray Darling Basin in a momentous decision after the Federal Opposition agreed to the takeover plan and Victoria also passed the necessary legislation. Premiers in eastern and southern states had signed an agreement earlier this year to transfer their powers over the water resource to the Commonwealth. Victoria finally passed their historic legislation that will finally allow Federal control of the Murray Darling Basin after opposition parties delayed the debate last month while seeking amendments.

Former Premier John Howard first proposed the takeover in January last year, claiming that the arrangements in which the four states of Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia fight over water entitlements was not working. [Return to Front Page](#)

SA Government buys in water

www.freshplaza.com , source: news.bbc.co.uk, 8 December 2008

Australia's driest state has decided to buy in water supplies amid fears it will run out next year. South Australia said it had spent tens of millions of dollars to ensure Adelaide, Australia's fifth-largest city, and the state had enough water. State Premier Mike Rann described it as a "prudent and sensible" measure.

Drought has become a regular occurrence in South Australia, which already receives the least rainfall of any Australian state. Lack of rainfall and a sharp reduction in the amount of water flowing into the Murray River meant the state could not guarantee water levels for 2009. The state's water security minister, Karlene Maywald, said she had purchased 61 billion gallons (231 gegalitres) of extra water for 2009.

Some of it has come from shared water resources with New South Wales and Victoria states, while the rest was purchased on the water trading market, she said. [Return to Front Page](#)

Drought creates stress and anxiety

Irrigation Australia, 1 December 2008, p4

Anne Maree Boland and Michelle Parsons, from Bendigo consultancy RMCG, report on interviews held over a period of nine months with four horticulturalists across the Murray region during last seasons drought that discusses decisions made, the process, timing and subsequent management strategies. The case studies found that growers adopted different decision making strategies depending on previous experience, attitude to risk, farming systems and future aspirations. A pome fruit grower from Victoria was one of the four horticulturalists, the others were dried fruit, table grape and citrus growers.

Discussions on decision making centred on technical decisions (make a decision and stick to it), financial decisions (water purchase viability), long term decisions (mothball trees or alternative production systems) and social decisions (health and support). Levels of anxiety and stress were highest when there was uncertainty and when decisions had to be made. The case studies, as well as tools and information about drought policy are available on the HWI drought website www.horticulture.com.au/drought .

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New Zealand

Andrew Fenton to retire as Satara chairman after 17 years

www.freshplaza.com , source: scoop.co.nz, 17 December 2008

The end of the financial year seemed like a logical time for Satara chairman Andrew Fenton to retire as Chairman of Directors. He has been a director for 24 years, 17 of them as chairman. Mr Fenton will officially hand over the reins in January to a new chair to be elected by the Board. He will continue as a director until the cooperative's AGM in April.

Growth in the business has occurred through gaining new shareholders and through the acquisition or merger of other post harvest companies. In 1997 Bay of Plenty Fruitpackers purchased Manukau Horticulture Ltd, and more recently merged with Katikati Fruitpackers Ltd to form Satara. "Over the period of his chairmanship, Mr Fenton has delivered an invaluable service to the Board," said Satara Group General Manager Wes Anderson-Smith.

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UK / Europe

French apples fight for sales in the UK

Fresh Produce Journal, www.freshinfo.com , 21 November 2008, p4

Sales of English apples in the UK remain firm while French importers battle a strengthened euro and a need to find market opportunities for varieties not grown by English growers. In the new year, this may change as more imported produce from France presents more of a challenge. Movement in the exchange rate will similarly impact on sales. France stands to gain in the Russian market by plant health requirements put in place by Russia that restrict produce from a number of other sources.

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European pear production down and prices hold their ground

Fresh Produce Journal, www.freshinfo.com, 21 November 2008, pp18-22

The World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA) has confirmed September forecasts that European pear production will be down 14 per cent year on year in 2008/09, at 2.161m tonnes. The figure is 16 per cent below the average crop over the last three years. Production forecasts are down for Italy (18%), France (29%), the Netherlands (33%), Belgium (40%) and the UK (15%). Conference production will be down 22 per cent to 641,000t and Williams down six per cent to 302,000t. Conference represents 30 per cent of European pear production and Williams make up 14 per cent.

The decline in pear production and particularly Conference is likely to move the UK out of its 'comfort zone' and into other pear varieties to satisfy demand, according to sources. The US is one of those sources, said Frederic Rosseneu, policy advisor at WAPA.

At Prognosfruit in August forecasts were for a strong season with high prices. Etienne Leclere, commercial director at Belgian Auction Veiling Haspengouw, said that prices remain very high, between €0.90 and €1.00 for a pear, prices previously reached only at the end of last season. He said that it is good news for growers, although they only have half as much to sell.

Reports of growers changing from apple to pear production have halted following a decline in Conference prices last year for the first time, said Rosseneu. He said that it is worrying that pears have not seen the innovation that new apple varieties and heritage orchards have been able to develop.

Belgian company Better3Fruit (read Better Tree Fruit) started a pear breeding program three years ago. C/e Willy Dillen explained that it is a slow process, but diversity in both apple and pear cultivation is needed. The Greenery has put its faith into the new pear variety Sweet Sensation. They plan to have 420ha under cultivation by 2012 and commercial volumes by 2010 with 120,000 trees currently being planted.

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North America

Washington State apple crop keeps climbing

www.freshplaza.com, source: tri-cityherald.com, 10 December 2008

Make that a 'record apple crop' with a capital R. The Yakima Valley Growers-Shippers Association reported Friday a final count of all apples in storage indicates the 2008 crop could be as much as 112.7 million boxes. An estimate made early last month while harvest still was incomplete pegged the crop at nearly 109 million boxes. The estimate far outstrips the previous record crop of 105 million boxes in 2004.

Keith Mathews, executive director of the association, attributed the larger estimate to a later harvest and good weather that helped fruit grow larger, largely helped by later varieties such as Granny Smith, Fuji and Cripps Pink. Mathews described the increase as one the industry can handle. Its size, however, may lead to decisions that some sizes of some varieties may be diverted to processing.

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New president for Washington Apple Commission

www.freshplaza.com , source: *ThePacker.com*, 8 December 2008

A Washington apple industry veteran with 16 years' experience in international sales will be the new president of the Wenatchee-based Washington State Apple Commission. Todd Fryhover, 46, the commission's export operations director, was selected unanimously by the organization's board of directors 4 December and officially begins his new position 1 January.

"This is a tremendous opportunity and an honor to have this bestowed on me by 14 hard-working board members," Fryhover said. "It's a big job, and a great industry." Fryhover succeeds Dave Carlson, who was placed on administrative leave by the board in July. Since July, Ken Severn has served as interim president.

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Discount support looms for suppliers, then tax hikes to repay debt

The World Apple Report, December 2008, pp1, 5, 6

The era of easy credit and easy spending is over. Governments are increasing their spending to offset slower spending in the private sector. But they are also committing huge funds to bailing out the financial system and government debt is exploding. There are three major options to counter the mounting government debt. Print money, but risk increased inflation. Cut existing government programs and add to unemployment. Or increase taxes.

For consumers, net worth is dissipating, job insecurity increasing and easy credit no longer available. Consumers are making fewer shopping trips and are more aggressively seeking discount prices. The response of major retailers is most likely to be to better serve discount minded customers and increase demands on suppliers for discount support. Premium prices, such as organic, fair-trade, pre-sliced, prepared or exclusive will face added challenges. From farm supplier to category manager rapid changes in product offerings, pricing strategies and marketing approaches are ahead.

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Apple volumes will be caught up in market angst

The World Apple Report, December 2008, pp2, 6, 8

Bailout plans and stimulus packages will hopefully enable people to retain jobs, homes and other assets. But the value of suspect assets such as potentially worthless assets in the books of banks, insurance companies, governments and others, is still estimated to be in the trillions of dollars. Announcements of infrastructure spending to boost employment and business takes time to implement. Incidentally China has committed US\$586bn to such a package. But consumers will need more positive signals before they return to spending and WAR expects spending to be curtailed for at least another year.

Apple volumes in storage in the US on 1 November 2008 were up 13 per cent year on year and nine per cent on the five year average. Fuji, Golden Delicious and Granny Smith were each up more than 20 per cent. The average price can be expected to drop by at least 10 per cent in 2008-09. Shelf space will be a premium and price discounting will ensue. The next few months could be ugly according to WAR.

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Apple slices may need to pursue sales as expansion and price drop

The World Apple Report, December 2008, p3

While fresh apple slices continued to expand in the US in 2007/08, the rate of expansion dropped dramatically and the average price fell by 8.5 per cent. 3.5 per cent of all fresh apples were sliced in 2007/08. With the current economic climate it may be that consumers will spend less on value added slices and force the industry into more use of promotional pricing in the next year or two.

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Suppliers express concern at Tesco tactics

The World Apple Report, December 2008, p3

Tesco's has spent many years building its reputation with consumers for corporate social responsibility, concern for the environment and sustainability. But in the UK, suppliers are complaining that Tesco is cutting prices at a time of rising costs, as the supermarket moves to compete with discount chains such as Aldi. In the US, Tesco suppliers are complaining about an intermediary, through whom all purchases pass to ensure quality and traceability standards, resulting in late payments and clipping of payments. Tesco's reputation could come undone if suppliers concerns receive national media coverage. [Return to Front Page](#)

Red Delicious and Bartlett pear prices up, year on year

The World Apple Report, December 2008, p7

The USDA issues a National Fruit and Vegetable retail Report, that has now commenced its second year and enables comparison of the periods 5 to 15 November 2007 and 3 to 13 November 2008. Average weekly Red Delicious prices in the 2007 period were US\$1.04/lb and in the 2008 period US\$1.25, an increase of 20.2 per cent. Bartlett pear prices were up 13.6 per cent to US\$1.25/lb. Advertising was down for Red Delicious (-29%) but up for all pears (+30.9%). A late start to the 2007 season may explain the 2008 figures for Red Delicious and the pear advertising increase is attributed to heavier promotion due to the economic slowdown. [Return to Front Page](#)

Students return to agriculture, probably a result of good times in the industry

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, p14

A healthy tree fruit economy including strong prices for apples is contributing to a lift in student numbers to study agriculture at the Wenatchee Valley College in central Washington. The class has 26 enrolments, last achieved in 2002 and numbers have ranged from two to seven, since. Ag Instructor Leo Garcia said that the ailing economy could also be a factor, with fewer jobs available people tend to go back to school. He also believes that changes in the college's agriculture program are a factor. [Return to Front Page](#)

Yakima grower aims for double the average Bartlett crop using close plantings

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, pp16/17

Chuck Peters has planted an experimental block of high density Bartlett pears at his Yakima, Washington pear orchard and he hopes to harvest 60 bins of pears per acre, double the average yield of pear orchards in Washington. The four acre block has 5,500 trees, rows 10 feet apart and trees spaced 2, 4 and 6 feet apart. Some are trained upright on a central leader trellis and others on a V trellis with trees leaning 11° from the vertical or forming a 22° angle between the V.

The lowest trellis wire is at 36 inches, relatively high, but there to minimise bending for pickers at harvest. He hopes that the trees will grow to the top wire (13 feet high) during the second year, but doesn't expect them to crop until the third year.

He is letting spurs grow on the leader between the wire as he calculates it will take 110 fruiting sites per tree to produce a crop of 60 bins per acre for size 90 pears. He would like to see more research go into funding amore competitive pear industry. "All we've got is old pear orchards and primarily because there hasn't been any plant materials that are better."

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Automation in the orchard a winner in Farm Bill grants

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, pp18/19

Seventeen projects valued at US\$27m will be funded through the Specialty Crop Research Initiative established in the 200 Farm Bill. A project to develop automation for the fruit industry received US\$6m over four years, a second project received US\$2.2m to enhance biological control to Stabilize Western Orchard IPM Strategies and a third project received US\$1m to research mechanical thinning techniques as an alternative to hand thinning.

Automation project leader Dr Sanjv Singh at Carnegie Mellon University, (CMU) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, said that an autonomous vehicle may be developed to perform a number of orchard tasks and reduce labour needs. It may, for example, scout for pests and diseases, monitor crop load and stress and a larger version to mow or spray or act as a platform for pickers in the orchard.

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Robotic scout to have all the bells and whistles

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, pp20/21

Vision Robotics Corporation (VRC) has been developing a robotic apple picking system and is a collaborator in the US\$6m comprehensive automation research project. VRC has developed a robotic scout that goes through the orchard to map the fruit and devise a picking plan that a harvesting robot can follow. The scout takes 15 images per second. The next step in the project is for the cameras to be mounted to detect fruit on both sides of the row simultaneously. Then they will need to ensure that it can detect fruit under difficult light conditions, eg with the sun shining directly into the cameras. Finally they will focus on developing a scout that is rugged, dustproof and easily maintained.

Derek Morikawa, ceo of VRC, said that other team members also have key roles. The CMU has developed an all terrain vehicle that could tow the scout autonomously. Other partners have developed wireless networks in orchards and pest sensors that can be placed in the scout. He estimates that the scout will sell for between US\$75,000 and US\$85,000.

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Anti-oxidant enhanced apples receive a mixed reception in consumer survey

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, pp34/35

Economist Dr Jill McCluskey of WSU surveyed 730 consumers to assess their attitude to nutritionally enriched foods. Overall many were prepared to pay a 7 to 10 per cent premium for antioxidant enhanced apples. However 25 per cent opposed the concept citing that they didn't want to eat wax, additives are unnecessary and washing apples removes the wax. Pave International LLC, a supplier of wax coatings and other post harvest products is developing apple coatings that contain natural antioxidants extracted from other fruit and vegetables.

Dr McCluskey expects that the market for functional foods, those enhanced with other phyto-nutrients, to grow as more consumers realise the potential health benefits. But consumers of organic foods are not likely to buy functional foods because they prefer natural products. [Return to Front Page](#)

Asian markets have challenges ahead for Washington apples

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, p76

Rebecca Baerveldt of the WAC said that average export price for Washington apples in 2007-2008 was 13 per cent higher than in 2006-2007. In Asia Washington apples no longer dominate the wet markets, being replaced by cheap Chinese apples. But Washington apples have moved to the expanding supermarkets and are gaining middle class consumers. The WAC continues to offer POS materials and giveaways for wholesale customers servicing the wet markets. However the retail sector is the promising growth sector and the industry will need to meet future challenges in order to supply its changing varietal mix and increasing volumes. [Return to Front Page](#)

Market development

Good Fruit Grower, www.goodfruit.com, December 2008, p77

Nancy Foster at the US Apple Association (USApple), lists a range of issues where the organisation is working for apple growers. These include labour reform, the possible introduction of mandatory food safety laws, promotion programs, the new Farm Bill, crisis communication and export expansion. Contact Nancy Foster for more information by email nfoster@usapple.org or phone (800) 781 4443.

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South America

Argentina exports to decrease due to economic crisis

www.freshplaza.com , source: *USDA report, 15 December 2008*

Argentina's CY 2009 total fresh deciduous fruit production is forecast at 1.845 million tonnes, up 45,000 tonnes from the previous year, due to higher yields. Total exports in CY 2009 are estimated to decrease to 800,000 tonnes as a consequence of the international economic crisis which will affect world demand. Domestic consumption is expected to remain stable, and imports will continue to be negligible.

The total fresh deciduous fruit crop for CY 2008 is expected to decrease to 1.8 million MT, primarily due to frost damage in 2007 that affected apples and pears. [Return to Front Page](#)

North Asia

Taiwan not so dependent on US apple imports

www.freshplaza.com , source: *Fruitnet.com, 11 December 2008*

Increased competition from Southern Hemisphere exporters is challenging the US dominance of the Taiwanese apple market. A new report by the United States Department of Agriculture has forecast that the US dominance of market share in the Taiwanese apple import industry is under threat, with increased competition from Japan, South Korea, Chile and New Zealand.

Between July 2007 and June 2008, the country imported a total of 134,395 tonnes of apples from overseas to supplement the 6,000 tonnes harvested domestically – almost 100 per cent of which are sold on the fresh market. The US led the way with 33 per cent of the total imported, followed by Chile (28 per cent), New Zealand (19 per cent) and Japan (18 per cent). However, the USDA said that the US will have to work hard to maintain its lead in the market. [Return to Front Page](#)

South Asia

Singapore rates highly for imports/exports, but watch out for Uzbekistan and Chad

The World Apple Report, December 2008, p4

Doing business 2009 is a new publication from the World Bank. It documents the current average costs of importing and exporting for 181 countries. Singapore rated highly with the average time to complete an import transaction being three days. Uzbekistan takes 104 days. Singapore was the lowest average cost per container for importing at US\$439.00. Chad cost US\$6,020.00.

Singapore also rated highly with exports, taking the least time (with Denmark and Estonia) of five days and the cost per container was US\$460.00 or less, in Malaysia, Singapore and China. The US average costs per container for imports is US\$1,245.00 and the average cost per container for exports is US\$990.00.

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UK Market Report

Fresh Produce Journal, 21 November 2008, pp23/24. UK wholesale apple & pear prices:-

Source	Variety	Pack	Pence Min	Pence Max	AU \$ Min	AU \$ Max
France	Braeburn	13.0kg	900	1100	19.61	23.97
UK	Bramley	Per kg	40	50	0.87	1.09
UK	Cox	Per kg	49	83	1.07	1.81
France	Cripps Pink	13.0kg		1120	0.00	24.41
New Zealand	Fuji	13.0kg		1150	0.00	25.06
France	G. Dels	13.0kg	900	1000	19.61	21.79
France	G. Smith	13.0kg	1000	1100	21.79	23.97
Netherlands	Jonagold	13.0kg		815	0.00	17.76
Canada	McInt. Red	18.0kg	1725	1800	37.59	39.22
France	Pink Lady	13.0kg	950	1300	20.70	28.33
China	Red Chief	10.0kg		900	0.00	19.61
France	Red Chief	13.0kg	900	975	19.61	21.25
Spain	Red Dels	12.5kg		1925	0.00	41.95
China	Red Dels	10.0kg		700	0.00	15.25
France	R. Gala	13.0kg	950	1000	20.70	21.79
Netherlands	Comice	12.0kg		825	0.00	17.98
Belgium	Conference	12.0kg	1150	1325	25.06	28.87
Italy	Packham	7/8.0kg		600	0.00	13.07
Italy	WBC	8.0kg	750	825	16.34	17.98

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Netherlands Market Report

Average free on truck (FOT) prices at the Dutch fresh produce market, both exports and domestic, being an average on the price lists of importers/exporters and an indication of European prices:-

Source	Variety	Pack	count/ size	Euros lowest	AU \$	Count /size	Euros Highest	AU \$
China	Fuji	10.0kg	44	9.17	18.95	28	10.13	20.93
France	G. Dels	18.0kg	138	12.75	26.35	64	17.50	36.16
France	G. Smith	18.0kg	138	13.50	27.90	64	16.83	34.78
France	Red Chief	18.0kg	120	13.88	28.68	60	17.25	35.65
France	Royal Gala	18.0kg	120	14.88	30.75	70	17.00	35.13
Not named	Ya pears	18.0kg	112	9.30	19.22	80	9.66	19.96
Not named	Rocha	Count	50/55	9.38	19.38	60/65	11.63	24.03

Information sourced from www.freshplaza.com, week 51, w/e 19 December 2008

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Los Angeles Market Report

LA wholesale on 17 December 2008 provided by: Fruit and Vegetable Market News, USDA.

Source	Variety	Pack	US \$ Min	US\$ Max	AU \$ Min	AU \$ Max
Washington	Red Del	18 kg	15.00	24.50	21.68	35.41
Washington	Golden Del	18 kg	15.00	40.00	21.68	57.82
Washington	Fuji	18 kg	18.00	36.50	26.02	52.76
Washington	G Smith	18 kg	14.00	22.00	20.24	31.80
Washington	Gala	18 kg	26.00	33.00	37.58	47.70
Washington	Pink Lady™	18 kg	26.00	30.50	37.58	44.09
Oregon	Anjou	20 kg	24.50	28.50	35.41	41.20
Washington	Anjou	20 kg	24.00	24.50	34.69	35.41

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