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## Australia

### **Illegal fruit pickers detained**

*Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 17 February 2010, p5*

Eighty five illegal fruit pickers were detained in Mooroopna yesterday in what the Dept of Immigration and Citizenship said was Australia's largest round-up of illegal workers in one location. The group of Malaysians and Indonesians had entered Australia lawfully with valid visas but were working illegally in horticulture.

Fruit Growers Victoria g/m John Wilson said that there are thousands of fruit pickers in the region and he did not expect that the number of detentions would affect the harvest. He did not expect that fruit grower members would employ labour without checking their work status. The Dept. is investigating their employment, including involvement by labour hire organisers.

### **Water sales in NSW to be hit by Commonwealth cap**

*Weekly Times, Victoria, 17 February 2010, p6*

A 60,000ML cap on water entitlements sold to the Commonwealth Government from within NSW irrigation districts is set to be swamped by applications for water sales from farmers desperate to sell their general security entitlements. The first tender for sales to the Commonwealth has closed and two remain in early March and late April. The average price in 2008/09 of \$1,320/ML is well above broker's recommendations to farmers at about \$800 to \$900/mL for the first tender.

Murray Irrigation c/e Anthony Couroupis said that opportunities remain for irrigators to sell to each other. VFF water council chairman Richard Anderson noted that the NSW cap is a lot less than the 4 per cent Victorian cap on gravity irrigation districts that all of the other states are so concerned about.

### **Rainfall benefits southern NSW, western and SE Victoria**

*Weekly Times, Victoria, 17 February 2010, p9*

The Bureau of Meteorology has described the rains across the NSW south coast and parts of Victoria as 'very uncommon', but while they have caused some damage to property, they have filled dams for the first time in a decade. Central and far western NSW rains have also provided welcome flows to the Lachlan River that is flowing again east of Hillston. Hillston received 73mm while further east along the river, at Condobolin, 133mm was recorded over the weekend.

### **Pacific Island labour on again in Robinvale**

*Weekly Times, Victoria, 17 February 2010, p10*

Thirty one male workers from Tonga and Kiribati have arrived in Australia to harvest almonds at Robinvale in NW Victoria, under the Pacific Island Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme. They will be employed by MADEC Labour Hire for six months and are currently undergoing training. MADEC operations manager Sue Hamence said that extensive labour testing was completed before the islanders were recruited. The results highlighted the need for additional harvest workers to support the local force, she said.

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## **Claims of on-farm flaws in overseas accreditation for supermarket suppliers**

*Weekly Times, Victoria, 17 February 2010, p10*

Supermarket giants Woolworths and Coles say that their overseas suppliers, distributors and manufacturers but not individual farmers, are audited by a third party. Woolworths public relations manager Clare Buchanan said that overseas suppliers are required to meet the same chemical residue, environmental, food safety, ethical and social standards as Australian suppliers.

The article quotes other sources that question the integrity of the system if individual farmers are not assessed. Fruit Growers Victoria g/m John Wilson said that he has seen practices overseas which 'would not be condoned' in Australia, both in factories and on farms. Coles spokesman Jim Cooper said that they have severed ties with overseas suppliers who did not meet their requirements.

## **Harvest labour in abundance**

*Weekly Times, Victoria, 17 February 2010, p75*

Backpackers abound for harvest labour work, according to National Harvest Labour Information Services manager Robert Cameron and CVGT Employment and Training Services harvest labour co-ordinator in Shepparton, Mike Kiss. Mr Cameron said that they are receiving more than 1,000 enquiries a day from people looking for seasonal jobs. He said that traditional work for backpackers in casual jobs is down due to the economic downturn and they are moving into horticulture.

Lighter than usual crops in Victorian pome and stone fruit, citrus and grapes, high overseas unemployment and the high Australian dollar have all contributed to the increased numbers seeking work. Mr Cameron added that more backpackers than in the past were also seeking work in horticulture in the first year of their working visa.

## **An apple a day for kids, potentially a vote for Greens in Tasmania**

*The Examiner, TAS Regional, 16 February 2010, p5*

Greens' party leader Nick McKim said that if they form a minority government after the 20 March election in Tasmania they will provide all of Tasmania's 57,322 primary and high school students with an apple a day. Tasmania Fruit Growers Association business manager Lucy Gregg, who represents Tasmania's 40 apple orchardists, welcomed the initiative and said that it is achievable.

Mr McKim said that school breakfast clubs that operate in schools two days a week would be bolstered by the apple a day plan. The plan will include other fruit and vegetables and would be broadened in areas of high need, such as disadvantaged areas to provide bread, milk and breakfast cereal. The sourcing of produce would be seasonally adjusted and local sources of produce would be identified that are close to schools.

## **North-south pipeline flow on its way to Melbourne**

*Country News, [www.countrynews.com.au](http://www.countrynews.com.au), 16 February 2010, p4*

The water is flowing from the Goulburn River to Melbourne in the controversial north-south pipeline after Premier John Brumby hit the switch to start the pumps last week. The 70km, up to 1.7m diameter pipeline cost \$750m and will supply up to 75GL to Melbourne.

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The Water Minister Tim Holding said that from 2010 the water would come from one third of 225GL of water savings achieved with the \$1bn Foodbowl Modernisation project upgrade of irrigation infrastructure. Another one third of the savings will go to irrigators and one third to the environment. Initially the water is coming from other upgrades, advanced savings and Eildon storage quality reserves.

### **Slight increase to Goulburn and Murray irrigation allocations**

*Country News, [www.countrynews.com.au](http://www.countrynews.com.au) , 16 February 2010, p3*

The Goulburn System allocation has been increased by two per cent to 58 per cent, while the Murray System remains on 63 per cent. The NSW Office of Water has increased allocations in the Murray Valley to 19 per cent and the Murrumbidgee Valley to 20 per cent. Many streams in northern Victoria not supplied by a water storage have stopped flowing, while others are expected to stop flowing in the autumn.

### **One more fly adds seven weeks to fruit fly quarantine in Mildura region**

*Sunraysia Daily, VIC Regional, 13 February 2010, p1*

Restrictions on movement of fruit from the Mildura Sunraysia region have been extended for seven extra weeks, following the discovery of a single male fly across the Murray River at Buronga in New South Wales. An outbreak is declared if five or more flies are detected or if a single gravid (egg carrying) female is found. The initial discovery in Mildura was one gravid female earlier this year and the quarantine period was to end in early March. The discovery of a second fly within the 15km quarantine radius means that it is considered to be a part of the initial infestation (despite only being a single male) and the quarantine time has now been extended to 27 April. Citrus packers will be particularly affected.

### **Growcom waits for Opposition to provide more facts on their new climate change policy**

*Queensland County Life, QLD Regional, 11February 2010, p28*

Growcom has welcomed the Federal Opposition's announcement of an alternative climate change policy for Australia, but awaits finer details in order to make a meaningful comparison with the Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, if they are to endorse the benefits for horticulture. The policy aims to provide financial rewards for on-farm activities that reduce emissions or sequestered carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. While the Coalition claims that the policy will be fully funded, it is yet to find the money in the budget to fund the program.

### **North-south pipeline good for all concerned**

*Shepparton News, Northern Victoria, 11 February 2010, p4*

The Premier has turned on the 'go' button for water to flow in the north-south pipeline to Sugarloaf Reservoir to supply Melbourne, after the 70km pipeline was completed five months ahead of schedule. The pipeline ranges in size from 1.4m to 1.7m in diameter and will enable 300ML per day to flow to the reservoir. Mr Brumby said that the initiative for the pipeline had come from Goulburn Valley farmers and led to the largest water savings project in Australia. He said that the water savings would be good for the environment, good for farmers, good for the economy in northern Victoria and good for Melbourne.

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## **Horticulture future in the MDB, not northern Australia**

*Sunraysia Daily, Mildura, NW Victoria, 9 February 2010, p3*

A taskforce set up by the Federal Government to investigate development of northern Australia for irrigated cropping and to provide a food bowl to SE Asia has concluded that only limited opportunity prevails for such an expansion. It maintains that there is opportunity for horticulture to expand by 20,000 to 40,000 ha by utilising groundwater sources, but this compares with about 1.4m ha available in the Murray Darling Basin.

The taskforce concludes that despite about 2 metres of rainfall each year, falls are concentrated within a relatively brief 'wet season' and are greatly exceeded by annual evaporation losses, making it impractical to store water in dams. The report virtually ensures continued investment in the Murray and Goulburn Valleys, the SA Riverland and other regions and particularly in the southern Murray Darling Basin.

## **HIA 2010 stipulates a 38 hour week**

*Sunraysia Daily, Mildura, NW Victoria, 9 February 2010, p9*

While the Horticulture Industry Award 2010 took effect from 1 January, increases in loadings, allowances and penalty rates will not occur until 1 July. But the National Employment Standards of a 38 hour week took effect on 1 January and if you work on a 40 hour week basis, the additional two hours are paid at overtime rates, unless some arrangement is made.

State and Federal employers who have an approved or certified workplace agreement in place can continue to operate under these agreements until they expire or are terminated. The NES will apply, so that any term in an agreement that provides less than the NES will be void and the NES will apply as a default, this includes the 38 hour week. Source: Growcom Horticulture Now newsletter, 27 January.

## **Outcomes mixed under HIA 2010**

*Tree Fruit, [www.treefruit.com.au](http://www.treefruit.com.au), February 2010, p13*

Tim Reid, president Cherry Growers Australia Inc., notes that the request to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission by Julia Gillard to review the HIA 2010 has resulted in the AIRC essentially restoring the terms and conditions as existed under the previous Federal Horticulture Award. While there have been several positive comments from growers across Australia who are relieved by the outcome, there are some growers who operated under State awards who will now suffer significantly in increased labour costs. The CGA executive will be discussing this issue at their meeting in early March.

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## New Zealand

### Asia apple sales ensure quick payment

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com), source: *The Nelson Mail*, 16 February 2010

After a tough export season in the traditional markets of Europe (including Britain) and North America last year, which left most growers barely breaking even, the fixed price market in Asia at least means more certainty.

Motueka exporter Matt Thorn believes growers need to have a balanced mix of varieties to meet various market demands, but sees Asia becoming a more important apple market in the future because it is a cheaper market to access. Right now, the Asian market suits a lot of growers because of the fixed price it offers.

Pipfruit New Zealand c/e Peter Beaven said that with a fixed price into Asia, six weeks after the deal you get your money. Since cash flow is key to survival this year, growers will be keen to take the assured fixed price.

"There is a risk if everyone looks to the same place we will crash the market," Mr Beaven said.

"However there are other factors at play which counter that. This year there is a smaller crop, down 15 per cent on last season to 266,000 tonnes nationally and exporters are talking to each other about their supply chain and I would like to think as a responsible industry we can manage it," he said.

## UK / Europe

### Too many apples in Europe, but Conference pears hold out

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com), 17 February 2010

Fruit traders are convinced about the prospects for Conference pears. The taste and quality of Conference pears, which are better than Williams, guarantee a quicker sale in export markets and there are possibilities to establish new markets, according to a trader.

In general people are less optimistic about apple production. The existing large varieties, Elstar and Jonagold, yield between 30 and 35 cents/kg., for which the farmer cannot grow them and the trade can hardly sell them. There will be a shift in production to the former Eastern Block, within the main countries Poland, Romania and Ukraine.

For club varieties, traders have their doubts regarding the earning capacity. By maintaining the strict quality requirements, as for second class produce, prices will be far below cost. Nicoter 70-80, the sorted Kanzi, was sold for 25 euro cents last week and then the average price is close to cost.

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## **Shipping struggling to recover**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *nzherald.co.nz*, 16 February 2010

The head of the world's biggest container line says shipping remains in the doldrums with profitability under pressure. Maersk Line's chief Nils Andersen said cargo volumes are depressed after shipping companies lost between US\$20 billion and US\$30 billion collectively last year.

The biggest issue last year wasn't the fact we had ships laid up and a decline in global trade, the biggest issue last year was that freight rates went down dramatically, he said. Rates fell by around 30 per cent at their trough last June, although there has been some recovery since then.

The United States and Western Europe had suffered dramatic falls in volumes but China and other developing economies, including India, were propping up global trade.

## **UK apple prices forecast to increase by 60 per cent**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *telegraph.co.uk*, 15 February 2010

Trade magazine The Grocer has reported that apple prices are expected to rise to 80p per kilo this year, a 60per cent rise on last year's low prices. The magazine said that the average cost of the cheapest apples hit a low of 50p per kilo at the UK's biggest supermarket chains in November as oversupply of European fruit and competition between retailers brought down prices.

But the price leapt to 69p per kilo last month and growers say they expect that over the coming months the price will return to the 80p per kilo seen two years ago. Growers have been planting less fruit in response to the low prices of the last two years with supply expected to be more tightly matched to demand in 2010.

## **German apple and pear harvests up in 2009**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *newstrackindia.com*, 12 February 2010

In Germany the 2009 apple harvest of 1.28 million tons was 11 per cent above the average of the past years. There were 23,600 tons more apples harvested, 2.3 per cent more than the previous year. Per region, big differences were noticed; in Badden-Wurttemberg there was five per cent less apples harvested, but in Rhineland-Pfalz 32 per cent, in Saxon 15 per cent and in Neder Saxon 14 per cent more were picked. The pear harvest was 52,000 tons, almost 40 per cent bigger than in 2008 and almost two per cent more than the average of the past years.

## **Val Venosta expects good prospects for their Italian apples in 2010**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , 11 February 2010

V.I.P, the Val Venosta association of co-operatives, sales manager Fabio Zanesco said that there are positive developments and encouraging signs of recovery in the apple market. They had record sales between December 2009 and January 2010.

Gala will finish towards the end of March. The sales season for Golden and Stark still is in its first phase, he said. "The last months of 2009 and the beginning of 2010 were very positive and hence the prices are continuously increasing. Pinova will also be on the market from the second week in February and be available until June, while the other varieties follow normal seasonal rhythms," he said.

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## North America

### **Fresh apple holdings down 10 per cent on January 2009 level**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com), source: *usapple.org*, 17 February 2010

U.S. fresh-market apple holdings of 67.4 million bushels on 1 February 2010 reflect a 10 percent decrease compared to January 2009 holdings. Total processing apple holdings as of 1 February 2010, were 29.6 million bushels, about the same as this date last year. The total number of apples in storage on 1 February was 96.7 million bushels, 7.5 per cent less than last February's total. For more details, including state-by-state data, see [www.usapple.org](http://www.usapple.org)

### **New WSU apple variety known as WA 2**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com), source: *wsutoday.wsu.edu*, 15 February 2010

After 15 years in development, the WSU apple breeding program has released its first apple cultivar. Known as WA 2, the new apple has been bred for outstanding eating quality, appearance and productivity, and to grow in the hot, arid conditions of central Washington State. WA 2 has an orange-red to pinkish-red blush over a yellow background and has large and conspicuous lenticels or dots, making it easy to distinguish from other cultivars and adding to its overall pleasing appearance.

"Most of the varieties that we're producing in this area were developed in mild climates, such as Minnesota and New Zealand, and are not representative of the hot desert climate we have here," said Jay Brunner, director of the WSU Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center in Wenatchee. "However this apple is adapted to our climate," he said

### **Washington apples and pears hold steady sales and firm prices**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com), source: *Capital Press*, 12 February 2010

Washington apples are still selling at a record pace, but industry officials are not worried about running out of crop before the end of the season. And pear movement is a bit behind because of record volume but "not in dire straits," said Dan Kelly, assistant manager of Washington Growers Clearing House Association in Wenatchee.

In late December, association manager Kirk Mayer said apple sales had been so good that companies would start raising prices to slow the flow to prevent running out of fruit before the new crop in August. The 1 February storage report showed the 2009 crop holding steady at 102.5-million, 40-pound, fresh-packed boxes and 47.9 million boxes of apples had been sold compared with 46.1 million a year earlier, Kelly said.

"The average wholesale price of all varieties of apples was \$18.56 per box on 30 January, compared with \$19.82 a year earlier and \$20.31 two years earlier," he said. "But last year, apple prices fell \$6 a box over the season and this season they are climbing," he said.

"The average wholesale price of all varieties of pears is \$17.32 per box compared with \$20.80 a year ago," Kelly said. "Domestic sales aren't as good as they should be because of high volume, and prices would be better if more pears could be sold to Mexico," he said.

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## **Apple skin an important combatant of Type 2 diabetes**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *Capital Press*, 12 February 2010

Apples, with their skin, are potentially the most effective natural combatant of the early stages of Type 2 diabetes, according to a study being completed by a University of Massachusetts professor. That's because apple skin "is loaded" with so much protective antioxidants or natural compounds called soluble phenolics, said Kalidas Shetty, professor of food science at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

In a two-year, \$93,000 study for the Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission, Shetty evaluated 10 apple varieties for their potential management of Type 2 diabetes. He concluded that Honeycrisp and Red Delicious are 10 to 15 percent higher in soluble phenolics than Gala, Fuji, Golden Delicious, Ginger Gold, Jonagold, Braeburn, Empire and McIntosh.

"But it's not so much the variety as eating more apples that has exciting potential to help prevent Type 2 diabetes or chronic disease in general," Shetty said.

## **Apple industry meltdown in BC, Canada**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *Kelowna.com*, 12 February 2010

Fruit growers will hold an emergency meeting in Kelowna tonight to discuss what's being called an industry crisis. "It's to do with the apple market specifically, it's in a meltdown mode," said Joe Sardinha, president of the BC Fruit Growers Association. "The first apple payment came and it's a shocker to say the least," he said.

"We didn't have a terrific year in '08, there were weather challenges, hail, a cold spring and small apples, then in 2009 we thought we were in shape to see a rebound," he said. A healthy batch of apples didn't amount to much, though. Market forces had their way with growers this time around, as a record high dollar and poor economy ate away profits, delivering what Sardinha called a double whammy.

## **Okanagan growers meet again to discuss their future**

[www.freshplaza.com](http://www.freshplaza.com) , source: *castanet.net*, 12 February 2010

A second meeting will take place Thursday night for apple growers concerned about the low prices and the industry. Joe Sardinha, President of the BC Fruit Growers Association, said that to keep up and compete with the low prices of imported apples, they have to do a better job promoting local fruit.

"We've got to tell a better story and tell that story to the consumers."

He said that you cannot have inferior quality and certainly growers are feeling the effects of seeing fewer apples packed out of every bin, more so with some varieties. "You can't second-guess quality, that's the number one thing in consumers' minds for all segments of the buying public," he said.

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## **World production up by 2020, but per capita levels not so alarming**

*The World Apple Report, February 2010, pp1, 3, 4, 8*

World apple production is forecast to expand steadily to 2020. China currently has 38 per cent of world production and that is forecast to rise to 43 per cent in 2020. Already an estimated 32 million tonnes in 2009 is several years ahead of the WAR forecast for 2015. The US will be a distant second to China producing 5 million tonnes by 2020.

Fortunately per capita supplies of apples will show little change between 2010 and 2020, suggesting that prices should hold or improve. Also the rate of change of apple production will slow over the next decade. The forecasts are not without risks, from economic slowdowns, changes to free trade opportunities, changes in consumer tastes and food scares. Climate change impact on orchards and costs also present potential risks ahead.

Between 2010 and 2020 apple production in million tonnes for China is expected to move from 30mt to 35mt, while the rest of the world will move from 42.1mt to 46.7mt. That lifts total world production in the decade by about 10mt. But on a per capita basis, the shift for the five years to 2010 was up 7.5 per cent, the next five years to 2015 is up 1.6 per cent and the five years to 2020 is up 0.3 per cent, overall a per capita increase of just 1.9 per cent for the decade to 2020.

## **Apple varieties slow moving when it comes to taking over market share**

*The World Apple Report, February 2010, pp 5, 6, 9*

Market share of world apple varieties is forecast out to 2020, but excludes China which has about two thirds Fuji plantings and diverging other production. Variety subsets are available from 35 other countries (including China) that currently account for 82 per cent of world apple production.

Golden Delicious, Delicious, Gala/Royal Gala, Fuji and Granny Smith will continue to dominate the variety mix with over 60 per cent of apple supplies, while the top 10 varieties will account for over 75 per cent of all supplies. The top five varieties forecast market share in 2020 range from 17.58 per cent to 5.63 per cent respectively.

Idared, Jonagold, Braeburn, Elstar and Cripps Pink/Pink Lady<sup>tm</sup> make up the next five varieties. Pink Lady at number 10 currently has a 1.92 per cent market share which by 2020 is forecast to be 2.11 per cent. Idared at 3.59 per cent is number six and Pink Lady at 2.11 per cent would move ahead of current number 9 variety Elstar, which will have 1.81 per cent in 2020 and still hold number 10 position.

In the table of 39 varieties, only four newer varieties are listed. These are Honeycrisp, Cameo, the Pacific series and Jazz. They will make up less than 1.2 per cent of supplies outside China by 2020. Jazz at number 39 is forecast to move from a 0.1 per cent share currently to a 1.9 per cent share in 2015 and 0.23 per cent in 2020. Sundowner has a 0.14 market share and this is forecast to hold on at 0.13 per cent through 2015 and 2020.

## **Global stability hangs by a thread**

*The World Apple Report, February 2010, pp2, 6*

WAR paints a grim outlook for 2010 given the flow-on from the global financial crisis amid the expectation that market conditions show either or both lower volume sales and/or lower prices in many markets. WAR asks if democratically elected governments can make the hard decisions to reign in debt by raising taxes or cutting programs without placing the economic recovery in jeopardy.

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The expectation of businesses and individuals facing a flood of new or restored taxes will result in businesses recovering costs in a weak market and individuals having further reductions in their disposable income. Interest rates will rise; the only question is how rapidly.

Should confidence in the UK powerhouse economy ultimately collapse and global investors lose confidence in the pound sterling, it could trigger a crisis of confidence in the US economy and the US dollar. Global financial stability remains in a large part due to creditor nations like China, Japan and Saudi Arabia leaving their assets in US dollars.

### **Argentina in throes of political battle does not auger well for the economy**

*The World Apple Report, February 2010, p4*

Argentine president Cristina Kirchner and her opponents in parliament are battling over control of Central Bank reserves, which has already resulted in the Central Bank president refusing to co-operate, being asked to resign by President Kirchner and refusing, with the dispute likely to head to the Supreme Court. The dispute is part of a worrying time for the Argentine economy, its ability to repay international debts and the value of the Argentine peso. Inflation has led to labour unrest and agriculture has been hurt by antagonistic policies that President Kirchner has pursued. President Kirchner's over-reaching may not end well for business and society in Argentina.

### **French tax on carbon emissions stopped and President rethinks strategy**

*The World Apple Report, February 2010, p4*

President Sarkozy of France has withdrawn his tax on carbon emissions that would have been offset by subsidies or tax reductions. The French Constitutional Council ruled that it had too many exemptions and created a breach of the principle of tax equality. He intends to pursue a revised version. Had a similar version been accepted across the EU it could have been used to tax imports from countries with weaker carbon taxes.

## UK Market Report

Fresh Produce Journal, 29 January 2010, pp86/88. UK wholesale apple & pear prices:-

Source	Variety	Pack	Pence Min	Pence Max	AU \$ Min	AU \$ Max
France	Braeburn	13.0kg	900	1100	15.75	19.25
UK	Bramley	Per kg	55	77	0.96	1.35
UK	Cox	Per kg	85	88	1.49	1.54
France	Cripps Pink	13.0kg		850	0.00	14.87
China	Fuji	10.0kg		950	0.00	16.62
China	Fuji	18.0kg		1150	0.00	20.12
France	G. Dels	13.0kg	950	1050	16.62	18.37
France	G. Smith	13.0kg	950	1150	16.62	20.12
Netherlands	Jonagold	13.0kg		685	0.00	11.99
Canada	McInt. Red	18.0kg	1575	1600	27.56	28.00
France	Pink Lady	13.0kg	1200	1550	21.00	27.12
France	Red Chief	13.0kg	900	950	15.75	16.62
USA	Red Dels	12.5kg	1475	1700	25.81	29.75
France	R. Gala	13.0kg	1000	1150	17.50	20.12
Belgium	Conference	12.0kg	800	965	14.00	16.89
Netherlands	Comice	12.0kg	650	675	11.37	11.81
Italy	Packham	7/8.0kg		900	0.00	15.75
Italy	Sth Africa	12.5kg	1450	1480	25.37	25.90

## Los Angeles Market Report

LA wholesale on 16 February 2010 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	23.00	16.64	25.52
Washington	Golden Del	18 kg	18.00	26.50	19.97	29.40
Washington	Fuji	18 kg	18.00	34.00	19.97	37.72
Washington	G Smith	18 kg	14.00	26.00	15.53	28.84
Washington	Gala	18 kg	16.00	32.00	17.75	35.50
Washington	Pink Lady™	18 kg	22.00	24.00	24.41	26.63
Oregon	Anjou	20 kg	20.00	22.00	22.19	24.41
Washington	Anjou	20 kg	18.00	22.00	19.97	24.41
Oregon	Red Anjou	10 kg	16.00	16.00	17.75	17.75

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