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Australia

Once in a lifetime storm hits Goulburn Valley

Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 10 March 2010, p3

A storm through Shepparton on Sunday 7 March around 4.30pm inflicted winds that peaked at 156km/hr, cascading rain at 22mm in seven minutes (3mm/minute) and 35mm in 26 minutes. The constant wind strength was 98kph.

Duty forecaster for the weather bureau, Michael Halfpenny described the rate of rain as amazing. He said that a rate of 1.0mm per minute is extremely heavy and equivalent to tropical downpours in Australia's far north. He referred to the 3mm/minute as almost getting all water and no air! The storm cell caused extensive damage to some homes and extensive damage to city trees. Witnesses said that the gum trees were leaning almost horizontal as the storm hit. 59mm of rainfall fell in five hours around the storm.

Storm damage update

Fruit Growers Victoria, Corefacts Newsletter, 10 March 2010, p3

Fruit Growers Victoria reports significant damage to hail netting and apple crops in Gippsland on Saturday 6 March. While most apple and pear growers appear to have avoided major damage, those in the path of the storms were not spared. One Southern Victoria grower reported a 90 per cent crop loss and another lost 400 bins. One large orchard incurred \$1.0m damage to netting.

The Shepparton storm damaged some East Shepparton orchards with hail and fruit drop. One large orchard lost 3,500 to 4,000 bins. FGVL field officers Michael Crisera (0418 379 746) and Chris Peters (0402 314 771) are visiting affected orchards to ascertain damage. FGVL is compiling statistics to present to DPI and Government for further discussions. Contact g/m John Wilson (5825 3700) for more information or the field officers to arrange a visit.

Early assessment suggests crops generally spared in wild weather

Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 9 March 2010, p6

Fruit Growers Victoria chairman Andrew Plunkett said that luck has played a large part for growers in the Goulburn Valley after the Sunday storm, with the storm somehow missing most of the region's vulnerable orchards. Overall GV growers had a lucky break. FGV g/m John Wilson said that there had not been too many reports of fruit dropping due to the wind, so "it sounds promising". He said that growers in Victoria's south were still counting the cost of wild weather on Saturday. However overall, "from an industry perspective, it doesn't seem too bad."

GV storages benefit from rain deluge

Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 10 March 2010, p4

Goulburn Valley rivers are expected to peak below minor flood level, but with 8,000ML per day flowing through the Goulburn River at Seymour and 7,000ML flowing into the Waranga Basin on the Goulburn between Seymour and Shepparton per day. G-MW acting water resources manager Mark Bailey expects the Waranga Basin to benefit by about 35,000ML from the downpour. It is currently at 42 per cent capacity, well up on previous years' level at this time. Mr Bailey stopped short of calling it an autumn break, noting it as a single storm event rather than a shift to a wetter weather pattern.

Spray nozzles to have a minimum size to avoid spray drift

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p7

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has introduced new regulations that will state on the chemical label the smallest nozzle type that can be used when applying a herbicide or insecticide spray. Extensive research and field trials have shown that coarser nozzles can be used on a wider variety of chemicals without reducing the efficacy of the product. The regulation has been introduced to help cut the massive cost of herbicide spray drift to other properties. The nozzle requirements are being introduced currently and will be rolled out for all agricultural chemicals within two years.

HAC goes under, closing down horticulture presence in Canberra

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p9

The Horticulture Australia Council (HAC) has shut down day to day operations, due to a lack of funding and will revert to a 'taskforce style' operation. HAC's only employee, Kris Newton, finished work last week. HAC Board member and APAL g/m Tony Russell said that a new proposal to raise fees from industry is being considered as part of a potential restructure.

FGV g/m John Wilson said that horticulture needs a "presence in Canberra" and that a taskforce is only part of the solution. He said that HAC will need to think outside the square to raise money by other ways, perhaps charging a fee for running conferences.

The Weekly Times editorial notes the demise of HAC and asks why its 16 member organisations, representing 30,000 growers and an industry producing \$9bn of produce at farm gate, cannot maintain a voice in Canberra. "Who will lead the charge in the industry battles on labelling, quarantine, the abuse of supermarket power, labour shortages and the protection of Australia's horticultural land?" it asks.

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Dismantling EC interest rate subsidies not an end to the debate

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p12

Federal Agriculture Minister Tony Burke has been asked to explain his comments that the Government would eventually terminate interest rate subsidies for drought stricken farmers. He claims that some farmers have been receiving support for seven years on properties still not making money. Instead of helping them to leave farming, they are being given just enough money to hold them in that precise situation, he said.

VFF president Andrew Broad said that Mr Burke must announce an alternative drought policy and not just discuss dismantling interest rate subsidies. A northern Victorian dairy farmer said that interest rate subsidies allow you to keep the business going so that you can turn it around when conditions improve, "it doesn't mean we are not viable."

Queensland water starts the slow journey south to the Murray

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p13

The monsoonal low that delivered rain to an area the size of Victoria across SW Queensland and the NT, between 28 February and 2 March is mostly expected to flow towards central Australia's Lake Eyre. However the estimated 403,000GL is also spread across Queensland's share of the Murray Darling Basin and water will flow into the Darling River.

A NSW State Water spokesman said that the big question is how much will return to the river channel system and reach the Darling River. The NSW Government may then divert water into the third lake of the Menindee Lakes or allow the water to flow down the Lower Darling to the Murray River where it may be stored in Lake Victoria. It may be mid May before South East Australian irrigators know how much water will be available for future irrigation needs.

Climate change adaptation needed and pass the costs on to the consumer

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p92

Adaptation to climate change will be a two stage process for farmers, said University of Melbourne and CSIRO research scientist Dr Leanne Webb in a 296 page book on climate change released by the CSIRO last week. Dr Webb said that the first step would involve farmers changing to new varieties or moving their enterprises to new locations. The second step would require consumers to adjust to changes in price, availability and appearance of some produce.

Areas growing fruit such as berries, apples and stone fruit, which require cooler temperatures, might contract, while tropical fruit areas may expand. Increased costs will result from farmers needing to implement adaptation measures. In the longer term altered availability would be impacted by warmer temperatures and changed water supply conditions.

BA seeks more information from the USDA before resuming IRA process

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 10 March 2010, p92

Biosecurity Australia c/e Colin Grant has ordered a halt to the draft IRA process that is assessing the risk of importing apples from the US northwest, after seeking more information from the USDA on quarantinable pests. He said that the revision of the draft IRA, which will be passed on to the Eminent Scientists Group, will resume once the information is received showing that risks are acceptable or quarantine measures exist that will reduce risks to acceptable levels.

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Marketers need to access internet savvy consumers

Country News, www.countrynews.com.au, 9 March 2010, p9

At the recent ABARE Outlook conference HAL natural resources and climate manager Alison Turnbull said that the horticulture industry is developing a strategy to deal with climate change and the need is urgent. HAL's David Chenu said that a new generation of internet savvy consumers means that marketers must adapt to the technology if consumers are to talk about their brands.

APAL g/m Tony Russell said that co-operation with private and government researchers in Australia and New Zealand is important for all concerned. He described the involvement of the industry with Plant and Food Research NZ as a win-win for Australia, adding skills that are not available here.

Mediterranean Fruit fly outbreak in South Australia

DPI circular to wholesalers, 9 March 2010

Due to an outbreak of Mediterranean Fruit Fly declared in South Brighton, located on the coast about 10kms south of Adelaide in South Australia, a 15km suspension zone has been declared for fruit fly host produce entering Victoria. There is an 80km suspension zone for produce entering Tasmania.

All fruit fly host produce must be treated before being consigned out of the suspension area. Consignments must be accompanied by the appropriate Plant Health Certification. For more information contact the Plant Standards Centre at Melbourne Markets on (03) 8371 3500.

New tender for environmental water closes on 29 March

Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 8 March 2010

The second Australian Government environmental water purchase tender opened on the 9 March 2010 and will close on the 29 March 2010 at 5.00pm AEST. The purpose of the tender is to supply more water for the environment by purchasing entitlements that are currently held by irrigators.

Sell offers will only be accepted from the Murray, Murrumbidgee and Lower Darling catchments in NSW, the Murray, Goulburn, Campaspe and Loddon catchments in Victoria and the South Australian portion of the Murray-Darling Basin. Visit www.environment.gov.au/waterpurchasing for the guidelines (which have changed slightly since the last tender) and application form and to see the average prices of pursued offers from the January 2010 tender.

Batlow orchardist prepared to battle China imports

www.freshplaza.com, source: canberratimes.com.au, 8 March 2010

Under free trade agreements, importing apples is likely, despite grower's biosecurity fears, first from New Zealand and eventually from China, the world's biggest apple producer. Growing apples on slopes facing sheer mountain peaks, Batlow orchardist Greg Mouat believes the altitude and deep chocolate-coloured soil will safeguard his industry against a rush of unprecedented imports.

Mr Mouat said that Australia won't hold out against China, its biggest trading partner and highly prized for a fearsome appetite for minerals. He said that horticulture will be the sacrificial lamb. "But let's look at the positives, I'm bullish about the future, the industry will take a hit and we'll knuckle down and fight our way through," he said. Mr Mouat is one of 35 growers who belong to Batlow Apples Fruit Co-op. In a good year they'll produce about 10,000 tonnes of fruit and turn over \$35million, backed by a formidable brand name.

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Pear Fest in the Goulburn Valley, Easter Saturday 3 April

Leaflet, GV Pear Fest, Shepparton, NC Victoria, 8 March 2010

Everyone is welcome to attend the Goulburn Valley 2010 Pear Fest to be held on Easter Saturday, 3 April, 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Shepparton Showgrounds McIntosh Centre. Entry is free. A gold coin donation to Rotary would be appreciated. Pre Pear Fest activities in March are a pear cooking school, free orchard tours, art exhibition (The Golden Pear), restaurants featuring pears in their menus and a pear program for primary schools.

Activities on Pear Fest day include celebrity chef Janelle Bloom from Ready Steady, Cook and kids workshops with the Flying Fruit Fly Circus, a pear bake off (including a kids category), sampling of new pear varieties and pear products such as fruit wines and chocolate pears, farmer's market and market stalls, horticulture workshops, giant pear competition and school artwork competition. See www.pearfest.com.au or contact FGV at 5825 3700 for more information.

New pear varieties on display at DPI Tatura, Wednesday 31 March 1pm to 7pm

Fruit Growers Victoria and DPI Tatura, 8 March 2010

Growers and industry representatives interested in viewing, tasting and discussing new pear varieties developed as part of the National Pear Breeding program conducted at DPI Tatura, can visit DPI in Ferguson Rd Tatura on Wednesday 31 March between 1.00pm and 7.00pm to discuss produce on display in the main conference room.

Pear breeder Susanna Turpin will be present to comment on varieties showing best potential for future release, to explain parent types and appeal of the varieties and to seek your comments on their appearance and flavour. The crosses are mostly from two parents Guyot by Rogue Red or Guyot by Corella, but some others will be included. To date, two varieties have been released for commercial evaluation and two more are about to be released.

Tasmania apple and pear consumers ready to buy

Tasmanian Country, Tas Regional, 5 March 2010

Organic apple grower Andrew Smith is two days into picking and is looking at an average to slightly above average crop at his Grove orchards. He said that a metre of rain during the spring had made growing conditions difficult. His harvest will continue until the end of April.

In the north-west of Tasmania, Spreyton fruit grower Shane Weeks said that crops are looking good. He started harvesting pears this week and he said that he is "getting phone calls from people we haven't heard from before, especially about pears, so that's a good sign."

Brendon Morrison from Lees Orchard in the Tamar valley said that they have started some deliveries this week and people are hanging out for new season apples, with early demand this year looking promising.

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Research and extension threats a threat to food production

Shepparton News, NC Victoria, 8 March 2010

The Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology is currently holding a two day conference in Canberra (11 and 12 March) to raise awareness and call for urgent action to avert what they see as an imminent threat to food production in Australia. The workshop aims to develop a blueprint for the reshaping and effective resourcing of Australia's agricultural research development and extension. See www.aiast.com.au and links to 'important dates' for more information.

Fruit juice not so good for kids

Lakes Mail, NSW Regional, 4 March 2010, p23

Good for Kids. Good for Life. program manager Rachel Sutherland said that a 250ml glass of apple juice or cola contains not one, but six teaspoons of sugar. Soft drinks, cordials and other sweet drinks are unnecessary for kids as they can lead to unhealthy weight gain and increased risk of tooth decay.

Ms Sutherland said that around 22 per cent of children between two and 15 in the Hunter New England Health area drink one or more soft drinks each day. About 70 per cent drink the recommended two cups of water a day. Good for Kids recommends no more than one glass of fruit juice per day for children. Water and milk are recommended as the best choices for a child because they have no added flavours, colours, sugar or energy.

Flying foxes move in on central NSW fruit

The Land, NSW Regional, 4 March 2010, p25

NSW Farmers Association horticulture committee chair Peter Darley said that some growers are reporting more than 50 per cent damage to ripening stone and pome fruit crops from flying foxes. He urged the NSW Government to offer grower's grants of \$20,000/ha, about half the cost, to help them build exclusion netting. Growers can currently access loans of up to 90 per cent of the cost of netting to a maximum value of \$150,000. Mr Darley said that the loans are inadequate, as growers already have enough debt and with low fruit prices cannot afford more (debt).

Growers can currently obtain licenses to cull flying foxes for the 2009/10 fruit growing season, as recommended in a report from the Flying Fox Licensing Review Panel. In the longer term the report's findings will enable new policy for the management of flying foxes to be implemented, said Primary Industries Minister Steve Whan. Mr Darley said that growers would prefer not to use culling as a management tool and that grants to assist in the construction of exclusion netting are the best option.

Bilpin apple growers devastated by losses from flying foxes

Hawkesbury Gazette, NSW Regional, 3 March 2010, p1

Orchardist Ed Biele, said that Bilpin's apple industry could be gone within five years unless the NSW Government supports the installation of netting to protect orchards against flying foxes. He said that some of Bilpin's apple growers have lost more than half of their crop to flying foxes in the past two weeks. He said that Bilpin apple production has prospered for 200 years, but farmers can't sustain these losses year after year. (continued)

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Pinecrest Orchard's John Galbraith, a 37 year veteran of growing apples at Bilpin, said that more than half of his Jonathans are gone. He said that he wasn't game to come into the orchard one morning last week, after a really bad attack the previous night. He said that it took him an hour of wandering to come to terms with it. "It's heartbreaking, not just financially, but emotionally as well," he said.

Cedric Leathbridge, owner of Bilpin Springs Orchard, has lost close to 80 per cent of his crop of Fujis and 60 per cent of his apples. He said that he has tried absolutely everything to try and keep the flying foxes away, he doesn't want to shoot them and thinks that netting is the right way to go. He said that it's virtually impossible to insure against the loss, with premiums equivalent to a third of the value of the crop.

The NSW Flying Fox Licensing Review Panel, of which Mr Biele was a panel member, released a report in May 2009 that recommended netting grants of \$20,000 per hectare and estimated the cost to Government of between \$5.0m and \$6.0m.

Harcourt growers welcome continued EC support

Midland Express, Vic Regional, 2 March 2010, p3

Harcourt apple growers are grateful for the extension to the Exceptional Circumstances drought assistance that has provided income support for some growers and made it possible for them to stay on the land. Harcourt Fruit Growers Association secretary Katie Finlay said that some farmers have a partner who has had to go out and get a job to help keep the farm going.

Ms Finlay said that currently there are about 21 growers, but the volume of fruit is down about 50 per cent due to the drought. "If we could return to a 40 to 50 per cent water supply we would all think it is wonderful," she added. Ms Finlay said that optimism remains in the industry, although more people are questioning their futures.

UK / Europe

Popular PINK LADY™ TV campaign returns

www.freshplaza.com, source: pinkladyeurope.com, 10 March 2009

A huge success after it was launched in November and February, PINK LADY™ apples' television campaign returns between 27th March and 11th April in France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. According to IFOP (the French Institute of Public Opinion, December 2009), considerable interest was shown in the Pink Lady television advertisements, *PINK LADY, so much more than an apple*.

Appeal rate was 82 per cent, i.e. 10 points above the high average. In other words, the audience likes them! Purchase incentive rate was 84 per cent, almost 30 points above the high average. The aim of this new campaign is to prolong the excitement through to the end of the season, in late May.

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EAP see big opportunities for pear growers

www.freshplaza.com , source: *hortweek.com*, 5 March 2009

Adrian Barlow, chief executive of English Apples & Pears, said the upsurge in consumer demand and Government calls for UK horticultural production to rise by 20 per cent to 25 per cent presents "enormous opportunities".

He told an East Malling Research (EMR) conference last week that the industry had to pinpoint what was hampering production. Growers must look at profitability, consumer wants, 'hard and crunchy verses juicy melt-in-the-mouth pears', economical pest and disease control, management and production costs, especially labour.

The UK market for pears last season was 160,000 tonnes, most of them fresh, with 30,000 tonnes used for juices and processing. Conference pears amounted to nearly half of all sales.

South Africa

South Africa expects apple exports down, pear exports up

www.freshplaza.com , source: *Gerard Lindhout*, 4 March 2009

Hortgro Services, the substitute of the South African Deciduous Fruit Producers Trust (DFPT), have published the top fruit export estimates from South Africa to the the U.K., the EU and North America during the 2010 export season. Volumes in 12kg carton equivalents for apple exports is 26,551,147 cartons, pears 14,574,958 cartons, total 41,126,104. Apples will be down two per cent, pears up nine per cent and the total up 0.2 per cent on 2009.

Increased exports in 2010 are expected of most of the pear varieties, except WBC (-4%, to about 2.3m cartons), Beurre Bosc (-6%, to 0.5m ctns), Comice (-1%, to 0.5m ctns), Golden Russet Bosc (-1%, to 0.4m ctns) and Beurre Hardy (-3%, to 0.2m ctns). The most important pear varieties exported by South Africa, Packham and Forelle, are expected to increase two per cent to 6.1m ctns and three per cent to 2.3m ctns respectively.

North America

US to extend apple imports from Japan

www.freshplaza.com , 11 March 2009

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to allow, under certain conditions, the importation of all varieties of *Malus domestica* apples into the United States from Japan.

Based on recently completed research, APHIS has determined that the measures currently in place for Fuji apples imported into the United States from Japan would be effective in mitigating any pest risks associated with all varieties of *M. domestica* apples from Japan.

To ensure plant pests such as the yellow peach moth and the fruit tree spider mite do not enter into the United States through the importation of this commodity, APHIS will require the apples to be cold treated and then fumigated under the supervision of an APHIS official in Japan. The apples will also have to be inspected prior to export to the United States. [Return to Front Page](#)

Mexico lifts apple import duty

www.freshplaza.com , source: *yakima-herald.com*, 4 March 2009

An import duty that restricted shipments of Washington apples to Mexico, the state's largest export market, is being eliminated, effective today. The Mexican government this week announced an end to the 47 percent duty on Red Delicious and Golden Delicious apples from the United States. The duty added about \$10 to the cost of a box of apples.

The decision ends years of higher costs for Mexican apple importers buying Washington apples that stretches back to 1996. Mexico imposed the duty based on domestic industry allegations that Washington was selling apples in Mexico at below the cost of production.

For the 2008-09 marketing year, the industry shipped 10.8 million boxes of apples to Mexico out of total overseas sales of 36 million boxes. Of the total apples shipped, Red Delicious and Golden Delicious accounted for 7.7 million boxes.

Cameo apples pick up on Mothers Day promotion

www.freshplaza.com , source: *americancameo.com*, 3 March 2009

The Cameo Apple Marketing Association (CAMA) is introducing a new May promotion appealing to consumers looking for a new idea on how to celebrate Mothers Day. CAMA has designed in store signage and recipe pads featuring an omelet filled with Cameo apples and Brie cheese for use on retail shelves during the weeks leading up to Mothers Day.

This new Cameo promotion gives retailers a turn-key promotion to drive late season sales, the key to strong total annual apple sales performance, said Kevin Precht, CAMA Director of Marketing. He said that by offering a new and different usage suggestion for Cameo apples, this promotion appeals to consumers looking to broaden their apple experience.

South America

Chile fruit prices likely to increase

www.freshplaza.com , source: *montrealgazette.com*, 11 March 2009

Consumers of apples and wine could see prices increase as Chile, a major producer of those products, slowly recovers from one of biggest quakes on record. Chile's top fruit exporter group, Fedefruta, said downed electricity lines and destroyed roads pose a threat to fruit exports from the world's number three apple exporter.

Apple exports could drop five per cent from the group's original 2010 estimate of 745,000 tonnes after the quake hit cooling installations that keep fruit fresh in farms, Fedefruta head Rodrigo Echeverria said last week. He said that this is an initial estimate after damage to farms' infrastructure and what's important now is to prevent further damage to fruit production.

Chile earthquake impact on fruit supplies

www.freshplaza.com , 4 March 2009

The Chilean Exporters Association (ASOEX) has surveyed the industry to assess the condition of the infrastructure, including internal transportation, electrical and port services.

Results indicate damage in major production areas and to the infrastructure, including packing stations and cold storage facilities. Seventy-eight percent of the damage occurred in regions VI, VII, Metropolitan Region and VIII, affecting mostly table grapes, apples, pears and blueberries.

Consensus among industry exporters and growers, however, is that the critical issues will be resolved within the next five working days, with a return to relative normality.

South Asia

India to set up 10 to 20 cold storage units

www.freshplaza.com , source: *reuters.com*, 8 March 2009

Indian government will set up 10 to 20 cold storage units, each with an investment of 20-40 million rupees, in the next financial year, a senior government official said on Friday. "We are looking at 10 or 20 more (cold storages) in 2010/11 after building 10 last year," said Ashok Sinha, secretary, ministry of food processing, at the food manufacturers conference.

He said that it will all be set up with private players. The government usually gives a 25 percent subsidy with an upper limit of 50 lakhs (5 million) rupees, he added. Wastage of fruits and vegetables due to poor post-harvest management and lack of cold chain facilities have been estimated to cost up to 500 billion rupees annually, as reported in the report of the National Commission of Farmers.

Los Angeles Market Report

LA wholesale on 9 March 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	14.00	26.50	15.35	29.05
Washington	Golden Del	18 kg	20.00	26.50	21.93	29.05
Washington	Fuji	18 kg	18.00	32.00	19.73	35.08
Washington	G Smith	18 kg	15.00	26.00	16.45	28.51
Washington	Gala	18 kg	22.00	36.00	24.12	39.47
Washington	Pink Lady™	18 kg	20.00	24.00	21.93	26.31
Oregon	Anjou	20 kg	20.00	22.00	21.93	24.12
Washington	Anjou	20 kg	18.00	22.00	19.73	24.12
Oregon	Red Anjou	10 kg	12.00	16.00	13.16	17.54

UK Market Report

Fresh Produce Journal, 12 February 2010, pp28/29. UK wholesale apple & pear prices:-

Source	Variety	Pack	Pence Min	Pence Max	AU \$ Min	AU \$ Max
France	Braeburn	13.0kg	900	1100	14.76	18.04
UK	Bramley	Per kg	55	72	0.90	1.18
UK	Cox	Per kg	83	88	1.36	1.44
France	Cripps Pink	18.0kg		1000	0.00	16.40
China	Fuji	10.0kg	800	1125	13.12	18.45
France	Fuji	13.0kg		1100	0.00	18.04
France	G. Dels	13.0kg	900	1100	14.76	18.04
France	G. Smith	13.0kg	900	1200	14.76	19.68
Netherlands	Jonagold	13.0kg		700	0.00	11.48
Canada	McInt. Red	18.0kg		1540	0.00	25.25
France	Pink Lady	13.0kg	1325	1550	21.73	25.42
France	Red Chief	13.0kg	900	965	14.76	15.82
France	Red Dels	13.0kg		950	0.00	15.58
USA	Red Dels	18+kg	1750	1925	28.70	31.57
France	R. Gala	13.0kg	950	1100	15.58	18.04
Belgium	Conference	12.0kg	820	900	13.45	14.76
Netherlands	Comice	12.0kg		800	0.00	13.12
Sth Africa	Rosemarie	7.0kg		1400	0.00	22.96
Sth Africa	WBC	12.5kg	1175	1600	19.27	26.24

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