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Australia

APAL welcomes NZ apple appeal decision

APAL eNEWS, 13 August 2010

Apple and Pear Australia Ltd (APAL) has welcomed the news that the Government will appeal against the disappointing decision of the WTO to disallow Australia's concerns about diseases being imported into Australia on New Zealand apples. The WTO panel upheld most of New Zealand's arguments, which challenged the scientific and risk assessments made by Australia supporting restrictions on New Zealand apple trade.

This morning, Darral Ashton, Chairman of APAL, said that he was pleased that the Government had announced its appeal to the WTO decision. 'This is not something Australia can walk away from. We need to protect our disease-free status, not just for apple and pear growers, but for horticulture, agriculture and communities in general.

Timelines for WTO appeals process

APAL eNews, 13 August 2010

APAL will be working with DFAT, DAFF, Biosecurity Australia and other departments to ensure that all appropriate issues are pursued in the appeal over the WTO decision that allows apples to be imported from New Zealand.

Each WTO appeal is heard by three members of a permanent seven-member Appellate Body set up by the Dispute Settlement Body and broadly representing the range of WTO membership. The appeal can uphold, modify or reverse the panel's legal findings and conclusions. Normally appeals should not last more than 60 days, with an absolute maximum of 90 days.

The Dispute Settlement Body has to accept or reject the appeals report within 30 days — and rejection is only possible by consensus. This means that the appeal process will take us to the end of the year. Once the appeal is decided, BA has to review its IRA in the light of the WTO decision, which could take another six or more months.

The full WTO report is nearly 600 pages and is a complex document. There is no Executive Summary to give a good summary of the findings. However, it is available at the following website http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news10_e/367r_e.htm .

APAL chairman whiter, not lighter, but the fight goes on

Tumut and Adelong Times, NSW Regional, 13 August 2010, p3

APAL chairman Darral Ashton said that he doesn't expect Kiwi apples to start hitting the Australian market before 2012. He said that while NZ is celebrating a major victory, the Australian apple industry is a long way from putting up the white flag. He said that the Australian Government would not have bothered to waste its time or money in lodging an appeal if it did not believe that it had a strong case.

Agriculture Minister Tony Burke said that the Government is committed to maintaining the integrity of Australia's quarantine regime. Mr Ashton said that he's pretty sure that his hair was black and he was a few kilograms lighter when he started with the NZ issues and the industry is not about to give up the fight now.

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Food security the issue and fire blight a real risk

Donnybrook Bridgetown Mail, WA Regional, 17 August 2010, p11

Peak fruit growing bodies have welcomed the decision by the Government to appeal the WTO finding that will allow NZ apples into Australia. Newlands orchardist and Fruitwest chairman Ben Derbyshire said that the Government appeal is most welcome. He said that Global and Australian food security is an ethical issue that does not seem to command much attention. He said that very few people have seen the devastating impacts of fire blight for example. This is what we risk. The outcome of the appeal may be determined by the end of 2010.

Horticulture Taskforce lobby group receives the green light

TopNews UK, 17 August 2010

The Horticulture Australia Council that was wound down in May this year will now be replaced by the Horticulture Taskforce. The new lobby group will be chaired by Tony Russell, c/e of Apple and Pear Australia Ltd. The Deputy Chair will be AUSVEG c/e Richard Mulcahy, and Australian Mushroom Growers Association g/m Greg Seymour will be the treasurer.

The other members for the taskforce will include CEOs from summer fruit, cherry, citrus, nursery garden, banana, passion fruit and strawberry industries, besides other horticulture industries projected to join. Annual subscriptions will range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Russell said that horticulture is one of Australia's most important industries for the economy and in providing jobs for Australian families, and this new taskforce will represent those combined interests with a more targeted approach.

Pending final agreement from the industry, a consultant will be employed to liaise with decision-makers on significant Federal issues such as industrial relations, agricultural policy, biosecurity and water.

New apple and pear biosecurity plan and orchard manual

Tendrils newsletter, Plant Health Australia, Ed'n 26, 10 August 2010

High priority exotic pest threats for the Australian apple and pear industry are identified in the recently revised Apple and Pear Industry Biosecurity Plan (IBP) Version 2.0. Any of the pests would have serious consequences should they enter Australia and become established. The updated IBP is now available on [the PHA website](#).

Apple and Pear Australia Limited (APAL), in partnership with PHA, is also providing apple and pear growers around the country with a new orchard manual designed to assist growers in protecting their property and the industry from new and invasive pests. The manual is titled Orchard Biosecurity Manual for the Apple and Pear Industry Version 2.0.

Review of dimethoate and fenthion

Ausveg, Weekly Update, 17 August 2010

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is currently reviewing the pesticides dimethoate and fenthion. Both chemicals have been registered for many years, and are used on a wide variety of horticulture crops as a treatment for insect pests. Both chemicals were nominated for review to examine human health (occupational health and food residue) issues.

The APVMA will determine whether the current uses are safe, whether some uses must be removed, or restricted, or in the worst case, whether the chemicals and products must be suspended or cancelled for uses for which they have been registered.

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Plum access to Taiwan market soon

www.freshplaza.com , source: *weeklytimesnow.com.au*, 16 August 2010

Summerfruit Australia c/e John Moore said that the Taiwan import ban has been lifted on white-flesh peaches, nectarines, and cherries, but not plums. Mr Moore said quarantine protocols had been agreed, but were in the process of being translated from Chinese to English and the final version was not yet available from Biosecurity Australia. The five year ban has led to local oversupply and a price slump, which has hit growers hard. Swan Hill Summer Fruits Development Association president Michael Tripodi said it was wonderful news for growers, who had endured several bad years.

Still confidence in grape exports to China

www.freshplaza.com , source: *abc.net.au*, 18 August 2010

The Victorian Table Grape Growers Association said that it is still confident growers will export grapes to China this season, even though they are still waiting for formal approval. A deal has been eight years in the making and there was confidence it would be signed at trade meetings in June, but it was held up by biosecurity concerns. The industry is gearing up for the new market, with grower workshops starting tonight.

ATGA president Nick Muraca said that the workshops are going ahead on the basis that Biosecurity Australia is still confident of a deal for this year. He said that Biosecurity Australia, in talking to the ATGA, is certain that access will be granted from this season, and the ATGA and industry is working positively and proactively in developing work plans for trade to take place once approval for exports is granted.

Cherry levies remain

www.freshplaza.com , source: *Cherry Growers Australia*, 16 August 2010

Tim Reid AM, President of Cherry Growers of Australia described the decision by Australian Cherry Growers at their recent AGM to retain their statutory levies as 'significant'. The emergency pest plant levy was retained at zero cents and will only be implemented at the time of an outbreak of an exotic pest or disease.

The marketing and promotion levy was retained at 3 cents a kilogram and the research and development levy at 4 cents, which includes the Plant Health Australia membership fee. He said that the strong support by growers allows the Australian Cherry Industry to implement programs and projects over the next four years with surety.

Bananas continue to be dumped

www.freshplaza.com , source: *cairns.com.au*, 18 August 2010

A banana glut, which has seen up to 50,000 tonnes of fruit dumped this season and farmers making a loss, has no immediate end in sight. The oversupply, now in its sixth month, has seen banana prices plummet in shops but it has come at a huge cost to the \$400 million industry.

Australian Banana Growers Council president and Far Northern grower Cameron Mackay said that growers were making less than a \$1 a kilogram, but it cost more than a \$1.50 to produce a kilogram of bananas. He said right now up to a 1,000 tonnes, down from a maximum of 2,000 tonnes, are being dumped a week. Mr Mackay said that the failed winter caused all the fruit to come on at once and there was 'no light at the end of the tunne' and the dumping was expected to continue.

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Early stone fruit harvest forecast in WA

www.freshplaza.com , source: abc.net.au, 18 August 2010

Stone fruit will be hitting shelves in Western Australia earlier this year because of a dry, mild winter. Some producers in WA's south-west region have received only half their average rainfall, which has meant bud burst has come early.

Plum and cherry grower Tony Guadagnino said that fruit will ripen about three weeks ahead of schedule this season. He said that some of the plums have already started flowering, which is not a good thing. He added that the way things are looking, it will be a couple of weeks early for everything.

SPC Ardmona lowered revenues, but CCA on a high

Country News, www.countrynews.com.au , 19 August 2010, p2

SPC Ardmona reported an improved outlook, noting that the Goulburn Valley has experienced a good fruit season, resulting in a better quality intake and lower fruit costs than last year. An improved irrigation allocation allowed SPCA to also reduce its water subsidy payments to growers. The group reported lower revenues as it got out of unprofitable activities, particularly much of its international private label canning business. Unfavourable currency exchange rates declined sales revenues despite improved market conditions in the UK and Canada. Parent company Coca-Cola Amatil reported a record half year net profit of \$212.7m.

Digital pest detection network extended to Asia

Citrus World News, source: *CRC media release*, 10 August 2010

A network of more than 30 camera-connected microscopes linked to a public internet-based image library is part of the arsenal being deployed to meet Australia's biosecurity challenges.

The digital diagnostic technology and procedures developed by the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for National Plant Biosecurity have now been extended to East Timor, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam to enhance their diagnostic capability and contribute to Australia's 'pre-border' surveillance.

Plant pathologist Dr Gary Kong is leading the CRC's digital diagnostic project. He said that digital tools are helping us to do more with less and increasing access to information that improves our capacity to identify new pests and disease and to respond more quickly.

Varroa mite a major (indirect) threat to agricultural production

Sunraysia Daily, Mildura, NW Victoria, 17 August 2010, p16

A report titled *Pollination Aware*, concludes that honeybees have an impact on 35 different commodity groups across fruit, vegetables and pastures, with 65 per cent of agricultural production relying on honeybees. The fruit and nut industries include almonds, apples, pears and cherries that rely almost totally on honeybees for production.

The report concludes that an over reliance on wild honeybees may compromise our future resilience in the \$30bn horticulture and agricultural sector. It quantifies the likely demand for paid pollination services should anything happen to the European honeybee population. The highly destructive *Varroa* mite, not yet on our shores, is among the most severe threats. The report was funded by RIRDC, HAL and the Australian Government.

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Three apple servings a day ensure weight loss

www.articlesbase.com, 19 August 2010

Research has shown that there is a very tasty way to lose weight. Just munch on apples daily and remember to have three servings per day. Apples will help only when eaten in three servings, while consuming a balanced diet and doing regular exercises.

Eating apples are beneficial for many other reasons too. They provide the necessary fibre content to the body, and they are quite low in their fat, sodium and calorie content. Apples are rich in vitamins and minerals, which are necessary for maintaining good health. Due to their high fiber content, they create a filling sensation, and thus reduce the amount of food eaten.

VFF concludes not much is new for farming in Federal election debate

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 18 August 2010, p32

The VFF wanted to see the current Federal political campaign focus on the importance of the bush, but with the exception of a few related policies, the president Andrew Broad said that the VFF has been largely disappointed. He describes the political environment as slogan heavy and substance poor, with farmers asking where are the big picture items that can develop regional Australia.

He briefly discusses water, R & D, high speed broadband internet and a dedicated voice for agriculture in Cabinet. Labor proposes a National Food Plan to consider security, quality and affordability issues. The Coalition will pursue trade agreements and appoint a dedicated Minister for Trade in Cabinet. Mr Broad suggests that farmers consider these issues when casting their vote.

Snowy River flows a slow step closer

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 18 August 2010, p8

The Federal, NSW and Victorian governments have agreed to extinguish a 32,000ML debt due to be repaid to the Snowy Mountains Corporation (SMC), that will now allow water to flow down the Snowy River after a 10 year delay since inter-government agreement was reached. Member for East Gippsland Craig Ingram called it a positive step that shows that the three governments can move forward and said that the latest deal is a victory for the river. The Federal Government will compensate the SMC for lost power generation from the water debt, worth up to \$13.7m. The outcome is dependent on a Labor Government victory at the forthcoming Federal election.

Stage two of Foodbowl Modernization waits for Federal election

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 18 August 2010, p8

The Federal Coalition and Opposition water spokesman Barnaby Joyce said that if elected the Coalition would review all federally funded state irrigation projects, including the \$1bn for stage two if the NVIRP in the Victorian Murray Valley. Goulburn-Murray irrigators said that should funding not proceed they will be left with a half upgraded irrigation system following the stage one Victorian funded \$1bn upgrade.

VFF water council chairman Richard Anderson said that failing to fund stage two would double the price of water and leave 60 per cent of irrigators with no gains from the project. The Victorian Greens have called for the money from stage two to be spent on buying irrigators entitlements to revive environmental flows. The Coalition has agreed to purchase 150,000ML of temporary water this season to revive South Australia's Lake Alexandrina and Coorong wetlands should they secure government after the Federal election next Saturday.

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Patience will be rewarded for most farmers seeking NVIRP advice

Shepparton News, www.sheppnews.com.au, 17 August 2010, p9

There are no plans to shut down up to 50 per cent of the irrigation area under the Foodbowl Modernisation Project, according to NVIRP c/e Murray Smith. He said that 50 per cent of the channel network has been identified as backbone, but 92 per cent of all current service points are within 3km of a backbone channel and meet NVIRP criteria to be fitted to the modernized backbone channel. He said that the biggest issue is getting to all landowners who want to see them. He said that with in excess of 30 designers it will still take nearly three more years to get to everyone.

Irrigation allocations take on a new meaning in Murray Valley

Weekly Times, Vic Regional, 18 August 2010, p5

The surge in southern Murray Darling Basin water storages is being driven by close to average rainfall, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The area has yet to reach average rainfall levels across most of Victoria, the Riverina and south east South Australia. Goulburn system irrigators now have a 26 per cent allocation and the Murray system is 23 per cent, up from 5 per cent and 2 per cent respectively.

NSW high security irrigators on the Murrumbidgee are up to 95 per cent and the Murray is at 70 per cent, while South Australia allocations have reached 34 per cent. The smaller Loddon and Campaspe systems in north central Victoria have allocations in the mid twenty per cent. For the Loddon it is the first time it has received a spring allocation since 2005/06 and the Campaspe has had a zero water allocation for three of the past four years.

It will need to stop raining in order to use an irrigation allocation

Shepparton News, www.sheppnews.com.au, 13 August 2010, p5

Goulburn-Murray Water executive manager of water resources Graeme Hannan said that inflows from widespread rain during the last week will ensure a healthy opening irrigation allocation on 15 August. He said that the irony is that the recent rain will also suppress initial demand. He doesn't expect demand until early September and 'even then it would have to stop raining', he added.

He said that Eildon is now at 35 per cent capacity, up seven per cent in less than a month and nearly double what it was 12 months ago. About 30GL has flowed into Eildon in the last two days. Downstream on the Goulburn, at Waranga Basin, that storage is at 88 per cent capacity and filling. Mr Hannan said that more than 20GL have been added to the Hume and Dartmouth dams, supplying the Murray River, in the last 24 hours.

New Zealand

New Zealand poised and ready for access, with bigger picture in mind

The Nelson Mail, 11 August 2010, p11b

Nelson growers are one step closer to outright victory over Australia with the latest win in the WTO. The world body supported NZ on all 16 measures it raised, to show that Australian quarantine measures breach WTO trade rules. Despite losing on 16 counts, the Australian Agriculture Minister Tony Burke said that they are disappointed with the decision and felt that there are adequate grounds to appeal.

Don't expect NZ apples into Australia before 2012, but then selling Braeburn and Jazz apples into the Australian market will be worth a healthy NZ\$25 to NZ\$30m. However the real advantage is that the decision will open up the more lucrative Asian markets such as China, South Korea, India and Japan, that have maintained similar arguments to Australia to keep NZ apples out. [Return to front page](#)

Mature symptomless apples are not a (fire blight) risk

The Nelson Mail, 11 August 2010, p9

The NZ apple market may have suddenly expanded from 4 million people to 25 million, but is the 1.3bn people in China that is the big prize. China has used the same arguments about fire blight as the Australian's to keep New Zealand apples out.

Pipfruit NZ c/e Peter Beaven said that after the recent WTO decision in favour of NZ and against Australia, the NZ industry can go back to China and say 'You don't need to worry about this. The science is very clear – mature symptomless apples are not a risk'. While some NZ apples already enter China through the grey channel route, this fruit does not get to the highly populated northern markets like Shanghai and Beijing.

He said that once the Australian WTO appeal has been dealt with quickly by the WTO, the biosecurity organizations of each country have to work out standing operating procedures for the apple trade. With a smooth transition he expects NZ apples to be in Australia in 2012. Mr Beaven added that if politicians interfered it could also end up back with the WTO. This outcome occurred in 2003 when the United States sought access for their apples into the Japan market. Japan finally backed down.

T & G to appeal Zespri High Court decision

www.freshplaza.com, 16 August 2010

Turners & Growers has today announced that it will appeal the High Court decision in its case against the privately owned monopoly kiwifruit exporter, Zespri. Turners & Growers Chairman, Tony Gibbs said the company had reviewed the High Court judgment in detail over the weekend and will be lodging its appeal as soon as possible.

Tony Gibbs said while he appreciated that Zespri wished to avoid further scrutiny of its behaviour and its extraordinary position as a private company with a statutory monopoly, Mr Jager's call for Turners & Growers not to appeal the High Court decision was 'wishful thinking'.

Zespri AGM sees growers better off

Stuff.co.nz, Business Day, 19 August 2010

Zespri chairman John Loughlin set the tone of the Zespri annual meeting with the sweetener that growers would be \$22.3m better off this season as a result of improved export sales revenues of \$856.2m.

He said that he had 'an absolute assurance' from Prime Minister John Key, and the ministers of agriculture and trade, that the Government would support the single desk system for as long as it was supported by growers.

For the second year there was overwhelming support by about 400 growers for the grower-owned company that has a statutory right to export all kiwifruit, except for that exported to Australia.

Mr Gibbs and the Turners' & Growers campaign against industry regulation, now being aired in the High Court, has so far cost Zespri growers \$1 million in legal bills to defend, c/e Lain Jager said in response to questioning. He expected they would spend a further \$1m meeting Turners in the High Court at Auckland in May for another round of legal challenges.

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North America

New Pink Lady website delivers information and fun

www.freshplaza.com , source: pinkladyamerica.org, 17 August 2010

Alan Taylor, marketing director of Pink Lady America near Yakima, Washington, has announced the launch of the new Pink Lady WEB™ which now occupies the address of the old and outdated one at www.pinkladyamerica.org. The site is designed to mirror the entire world of the Pink Lady® Brand, with the new web to be connected to any and all entities tied to the Pink Lady® specifically and apples in general.

The Pink Lady® WEB™ was created for the serious apple consumer, but not too serious to have some fun with it. If that consumer is looking for a website which like this apple is colorful, loud and lots of fun, then www.pinkladyamerica.org is for them, said Mr Taylor.

Most California pear growers practice sustainability

www.freshplaza.com , source: calpear.com, 9 August 2010

A recent survey of California pear farmers has found that when it comes to sustainable farming practices such as employing Integrated Pest Management methods to reduce the use of pesticides, the California pear industry has a very high level of adoption.

The survey, conducted by SureHarvest Inc. a leading agricultural sustainability program design firm, shows that over 90 percent of California pear farmers regularly incorporate practices such as daily scouting for pests to reduce spray applications and utilizing non-toxic pheromone treatments in place of pesticides to reduce pest populations.

An Executive Summary of this research project is available to the public on the website of the California Pear Advisory Board at www.calpear.com

NW pear industry sets standard for conditioned Anjou pears

www.freshplaza.com , source: usapears.org, 10 August 2010

In their continued effort to provide pear purchasers with the best eating experience possible, the growers and shippers of Northwest pears have recently adopted a set of minimum standards for the conditioning of Anjou pears.

Starting this season, all fresh Northwest-grown red and green Anjou pears sold as 'conditioned' will have met the following minimum recommendation for ethylene treatment, of a minimum of 100 ppm of ethylene for 24 hours, with an average pear pulp temperature of 65°F before and during ethylene introduction.

The conditioning standard is based on years of study by researchers in Washington, Oregon and California. In 2001, the Pear Bureau began aggressively supporting the evolution of a ripened pear program.. Today an estimated 35 per cent to 40 per cent of the green Anjou crop is being conditioned before it reaches the retail shelf in the US. About 10 per cent of Bartletts from the Northwest are also conditioned.

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South America

Chile, lower export volumes, but higher prices

www.freshplaza.com, source: *en.mercopress.com*, 9 August 2010

Chilean fruit exports totaled about 3 billion US dollars, according to preliminary numbers from the industry. This represents a five per cent increase in revenue from the 2008-2009 season. Shipments totaled 2.3 million tons. Though shipment sizes of seven of the 11 major fruits decreased, shipments of avocados and kiwis increased.

Ronald Brown, president of the Association of Exporters, said that many factors this year worked against the fruit industry of Chile. He said that this included climatic factors, damage caused by the earthquake, and to a two to three week late harvest in table grapes, apples and kiwis

José Manuel Alcaíno, president of Decofrut (a fruit industry analysis and service provider), said that the value of Gala apples exported to Europe recorded an increase of 13 per cent, reaching an average price of US\$17.

South Asia

India: Ethenyl to replace carbide gas for ripening fruit

www.freshplaza.com, source: *business-standard.com*, 18 August 2010

Keeping in view the health hazards of using calcium carbide for ripening fruits, the government is working to substitute it with a more protective ethenyl. A K Singh, the head of the Fruit and Vegetable wing of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) said that experts have pointed out that arsenic and phosphorous are found in calcium carbide. It forms acetylene gas (more popularly known as carbide gas), after reacting with moisture in the atmosphere.

He said that the use of acetylene gas for ripening fruits is prohibited. But due to a lack in execution of the laws and lack of a substitute, it is being used rampantly. He said traders in Maharashtra are successfully using ethenyl, and its use is expected to be extended to other parts of the country.

Los Angeles Market Report

LA wholesale on 17 August 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	26.00	16.58	28.73
Washington	Golden Del	18 kg	22.00	31.50	24.31	34.81
Washington	Fuji	18 kg	20.00	34.00	22.10	37.57
Washington	G Smith	18 kg	15.00	26.00	16.58	28.73
Washington	Gala	18 kg	16.00	26.00	17.68	28.73
New Zealand	Taylor's Gold	1 lyr tray	18.00	19.00	19.89	21.00
California	Nectarines	2 lyr tray	15.00	20.00	16.58	22.10
California	Peaches	2 lyr tray	8.00	18.00	8.84	19.89
California	Plums	2 lyr tray	14.00	24.00	15.47	26.52

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UK Market Report

Fresh Produce Journal, 30 July 2010, pp 28/29. UK wholesale apple & pear prices:-

Source	Variety	Pack	Pence Min	Pence Max	AU \$ Min	AU \$ Max
Chile	Braeburn	13.0kg	1250	1450	21.51	24.96
New Zealand	Braeburn	18.0kg	1600	1800	27.54	30.98
Sth Africa	Braeburn	12.5kg		1300	0.00	22.38
UK	Bramley	Per kg	70	72	1.20	1.24
Brazil	Cripps Pink	18.0kg		1310	0.00	22.55
Chile	Cripps Pink	12.5kg	1100	1400	18.93	24.10
Brazil	Fuji	18.0kg		1380	0.00	23.75
Chile	Fuji	18.0kg		1400	0.00	24.10
New Zealand	Fuji	18.0kg		1625	0.00	27.97
France	G. Dels	13.0kg	725	1050	12.48	18.07
Sth Africa	G. Dels	12.5kg	1200	1450	20.65	24.96
Chile	G. Smith	18.0kg	1300	1500	22.38	25.82
Sth Africa	G. Smith	12.5kg	1200	1450	20.65	24.96
Chile	Pink Lady	18.0kg	1325	1820	22.81	31.33
Chile	Red Chief	18.0kg		1300	0.00	22.38
Chile	Red Del's	18.0kg		1200	0.00	20.65
USA	Red Del's	12.5kg	1600	1750	27.54	30.12
USA	Red Del's	18+kg	1650	1850	28.40	31.84
Argentina	R. Gala	18.0kg		1450	0.00	24.96
Brazil	R. Gala	18.0kg	1100	1300	18.93	22.38
Chile	R. Gala	18.0kg	1425	1600	24.53	27.54
New Zealand	R. Gala	18.0kg	1600	1900	27.54	32.70
Chile	Starking	18.0kg		1300	0.00	22.38
Argentina	B. Bosc	18.0kg		1050	0.00	18.07
Belgium	Conference	12.0kg	990	1300	17.04	22.38
Chile	Forelle	12.5kg		1000	0.00	17.21
Sth Africa	Forelle	12.5kg		1200	0.00	20.65
Sth Africa	Forelle	6.5kg	560	725	9.64	12.48
France	Guyot	13.0kg		960	0.00	16.52
Argentina	Packham	12.5kg	1050	1250	18.07	21.51
Chile	Packham	15.0kg		1200	0.00	20.65
Sth Africa	Packham	12.5kg	1000	1350	17.21	23.24
Sth Africa	WBC	12.5kg		1300	0.00	22.38

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