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Report Highlights:

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Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Favorable weather conditions so far (no frosts recorded during winter) good flowering period, and fruit setting considered normal, are the reasons for the expected larger canned supplies in 2001.

Cost of Production

A forecast cost of production for 2001 can of yellow peaches in halves, light syrup, 50 percent sugar - 50 percent corn syrups, 14-28 brix, 850 grams (2 ½ can size) in US dollars, with 2000 comparable price is as follows:

	2001	2000
Raw material	0.21	0.23
Sugar	0.01	0.01
Syrup	0.01	0.01
Tin plate	0.17	0.19
Carton	0.015	0.015
Labels	0.01	0.01
Labor	0.06	0.06
Energy/fuel	0.015	0.015
Subtotal	0.50	0.54
Other inputs	0.02	0.02
Total direct cost	0.54	0.56
Indirect cost	0.15	0.15
Freight to Buenos Aires	0.03	0.03
TOTAL COST	0.70	0.74

Consumption

No significant changes are expected in the consumption of canned peaches during this season nor in 2001.

Trade

During the first four months of 2,000, Argentina exported 519 metric tons of canned peached valued at 623,798 dollars. Brazil was the main import market accounting for 41 percent of total shipments followed by Bolivia with 26 percent and the United States with 20 percent.

During January-May 2000, Argentina imported 2,558 metric tons of canned peaches, 2,367 came from Chile, 123 metric tons from Greece and 68 metric tons from Spain, for an import value of US\$ 2.0 million.

Stocks

The large increase in stocks in 2000 is due to larger imports of canned peaches from Greece and Spain. In 2001, stocks will continue to increase due to low international prices and high production in Greece.

Policy

Mercosur - Canned peach import duties until 11-30-2000 are as follows:

Country	Inter-zone	Extra-zone	Chile	Observations
Argentina	0.00%	35.00% or \$0.20 per unit		(1) Italy additional 18.12% Spain additional 12.55 % Rest of EU (includes Greece) additional 12.13%.
			Chile 11.90%	30% preference on CET of 17%.

Brazil	0.00%	23.00%	16.10%	The CET is 55% for Greece For Chile quota of 60,000 cans with 70% preference. For Chile: 30% preference
Paraguay	0.00%	14.00%	9.80%	Chile, 30% preference
Uruguay	0.00%	17.00%	11.90%	Chile: 30 % preference.

(1) CET = Common External Tariff. For those goods originated in non-Mercosur countries.

Prices

Canned Fruits	Brand	Origin	Price
Peaches	Freeglace	Argentina	1.96
Idem	Inca	Idem	1.39
Idem	Canale	Idem	1.39
Idem	Campagnola	idem	1.59
Idem	Mallo	idem	1.23
Idem	Arisco	Idem	1.60
Idem	Del Tropic	Greece	0.89
Idem	Arco	Chile	1.59
Idem	Santa Isabel	Chile	2.10
Idem	Gentlemen	South Africa	2.30
Pineapple	Buzio	Thailand	1.99
Idem	Versalles	Argentina	1.92
Idem	La Colina	Indonesia	1.89
Idem	Las Bayas	Thailand	2.08

Pears	Arcor	Argentina	1.30
Idem	La Campagnola	Idem	1.49
Idem	Bells	Idem	1.37

Table 1: PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Canned Peaches				(MT)(MT, Net Weight)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Deliv. To Processors	0	108000	0	112565	0	115000
Beginning Stocks	1000	1000	3890	3890	4000	11890
Production	65850	65850	69800	70000	0	75000
Imports	7276	7276	5000	10000	0	7000
TOTAL SUPPLY	74126	74126	78690	83890	4000	93890
Exports	6892	7021	10400	7000	0	8000
Domestic Consumption	63344	63215	64290	65000	0	70000
Ending Stocks	3890	3890	4000	11890	0	15890
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	74126	74126	78690	83890	0	93890

Table 2. Import Trade Matrix

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Argentina		
Commodity	Canned Peaches		
Time period	CY	Units:	
Imports for:	1998	Metric tons	1999
U.S.	0	U.S.	0

Others		Others	
South Africa	18	Greece	3504
Chile	1868	Chile	3021
Spain	455	Spain	512
Greece	664	British Poss.	98
Italy	462	South Africa	89
France	5	Brazil	47
British Poss.	98	France	5
Total for Others	3570		7276
Others not Listed			
Grand Total	3570		7276

Table 3. Export Trade Matrix

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Argentina		
Commodity	Canned Peaches		
Time period	CY	Units:	CY
Exports for:	1998	Metric tons	1999
U.S.	17	U.S.	55
Others		Others	
Bolivia	728	Brazil	4482
Brazil	5043	Paraguay	863
Colombia	143	Uruguay	481
Pasraguay	807	Japan	475
Uruguay	372	Bolivia	324
Japan	47	Peru	158
Spain	125	Puerto Rico	110
Netherlands	36	Germany	31
Peru	222	Chile	23
Hungary	210		
Total for Others	7733		6947

Others not Listed	120		19
Grand Total	7870		7021