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Report Highlights: Unfavorable weather conditions late in the growing season adversely affected the year 2000 deciduous fruit crop in terms of both quality and volume.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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1. SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

The 1999 apple crop production estimate has been recently revised upwards to 326,000 MT from the previous agoffice estimate of 310,000 MT, due to the availability of more accurate production figures. The 1999 pear and table grape production estimates remain unchanged. Forecast figures for the year 2000 apple crop are marginally higher than those given in our GR0021 of September 11, 2000 report, while both pear and table grape forecasts are somewhat lower than those carried in the same report.

The 325,000 MT apple production figure for the 2000 crop year carried in our September report was a preliminary forecast, which was increased later to about 340,000 MT (when more complete data were available). This production level, however, did not materialize due to high temperatures and a hail storm in early September that hit the northern Macedonia area. These conditions resulted in considerable fruit drop in that district, while the quality of the fruit was adversely affected. Lack of precipitation and higher than normal temperatures throughout the country continued through late November and affected the volume and quality of all three crops. Extremely high temperatures in July and August adversely affected Sultanina table grape quality in the principal producing district of Corinthia.

A strike from Sept. 24 to Oct. 9 by the refrigerated truck owners to protest the increases in the diesel oil prices, which had doubled the cost of transportation, created considerable problems during that period in the exportation of fresh fruits and vegetables, especially Sultanina table grapes. As a result of the strike, supermarkets in England and Germany canceled their orders for the Greek fruit and shifted to suppliers from other countries, mainly Turkey. As a result of the cancellations, large tonnages of fruit accumulated in cold storage. Most traders had trouble finding alternate markets in a reasonable time and the quality of the fruit deteriorated and the price of the fruit dropped sharply.

Exchange Rates

1998	\$1.00 = 294.30 Drachmas
1999	\$1.00 = 308.85 Drachmas
2000 Jan-Nov	\$1.00 = 363.84 Drachmas

PS&D Table, Fresh Apples

PSD Table						
Country	Greece					
Commodity	Fresh Apples				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1999		07/2000		07/2001
Area Planted	13900	15300	0	15300	0	15500
Area Harvested	13600	14900	0	14900	0	15200
Bearing Trees	5170	5840	0	5840	0	5930
Non-Bearing Trees	130	160	0	160	0	120
Total Trees	5300	6000	0	6000	0	6050
Commercial Production	288000	297600	0	313000	0	316800
Non-Comm. Production	12000	12400	0	13000	0	13200
TOTAL Production	300000	310000	0	326000	0	330000
TOTAL Imports	9000	14000	0	14000	0	12000
TOTAL SUPPLY	309000	324000	0	340000	0	342000
Domestic Fresh Consump	258000	271000	0	292000	0	281500
Exports, Fresh Only	12000	16000	0	17000	0	15000
For Processing	4000	2000	0	2000	0	5500
Withdrawal From Market	35000	35000	0	29000	0	40000
TOTAL UTILIZATION	309000	324000	0	340000	0	342000

PS&D Table, Fresh Pears

PSD Table						
Country	Greece					
Commodity	Fresh Pears				(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1999		07/2000		07/2001
Area Planted	11400	11600	0	11000	0	10800
Area Harvested	11400	11600	0	11000	0	10800
Bearing Trees	4100	4200	0	4070	0	4000
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	4100	4200	0	4070	0	4000
Commercial Production	63000	64000	0	64000	0	63000
Non-Comm. Production	2000	2000	0	2000	0	2000
TOTAL Production	65000	66000	0	66000	0	65000
TOTAL Imports	13000	17000	0	17000	0	17000
TOTAL SUPPLY	78000	83000	0	83000	0	82000
Domestic Fresh Consump	70300	72900	0	72950	0	72500
Exports, Fresh Only	1000	1400	0	1400	0	1000
For Processing	6500	8400	0	8400	0	8000
Withdrawal From Market	200	300	0	250	0	500
TOTAL UTILIZATION	78000	83000	0	83000	0	82000

PS&D Table, Fresh Table Grapes

PSD Table						
Country	Greece					
Commodity	Fresh Table Grapes				(HA)(MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Area Planted	18500	18500	0	18500	0	18500
Area Harvested	18500	18500	0	18500	0	0
Commercial Production	279000	267000	0	267000	0	269700
Non-Comm. Production	21000	20000	0	20000	0	20300
TOTAL Production	300000	287000	0	287000	0	290000
TOTAL Imports	1000	1413	0	1413	0	1000
TOTAL SUPPLY	301000	288413	0	288413	0	291000
Domestic Fresh Consump	133000	135955	0	127555	0	126000
Exports, Fresh Only	103000	102458	0	102458	0	105000
For Processing	65000	50000	0	58400	0	60000
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	301000	288413	0	288413	0	291000