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Report Highlights: Figures for apple, concentrated apple juice and pear production for 2001 were increased from last report although the trend remains negative from 2000 due to unfavorable weather conditions. Table grape production for 2001 was also slightly below 2000 levels. Italian fruit exports for 2001/02 are generally forecast to decline due to a reduced supply.

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SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

Forecast data for Italian apple and pear output in 2001 provided by the Horticultural Service Center, CSO, on August 2001, was revised according to new information provided by Italian statistical and economic research agencies. Figures for apple and pear production were increased although the trend remained negative from 2000, due to unfavorable weather conditions. Final data for 2000 apple and pear production were also adjusted by the Italian national Institute, Istat.

Concentrated apple juice production data for 2001 was also increased from the September 2001 report, but it is confirmed to remain at a lower level than 2000 due to a shortage in apple supply. On the other hand, Italian table grape production figures for 2001 were slightly decreased from forecast data reported in September 2001.

Trade data for 2000/01 were generally confirmed by final data provided by Istat, except for apple exports. Italian apple exports for 2000/01 were significantly lower than in the previous year, although final apple production data for 2000 was more than expected. The large apple supply in most European Union countries in 2000 was the principal reason for reduced exports. In fact, the European Union is the main market for Italian apple exports. In 2000 72% of the Italian apple exports were delivered to EU countries. For 2001/02 Italian export figures were also adjusted both for apples and table grapes in order to meet the same trend as productions.

According to available trade data, Jan-Aug 2001, Italian imports of concentrated apple juice for 2001 are forecast to remain stable whereas exports should decline by approximately 6 percent from 2000 levels.

Fresh fruit prices increased in 2001 due to a decline in supply. During December 2001 wholesale prices for Italian first quality fruit averaged as follows:

Apples: 0.80 Euros/Kg v/s 0.30 Euros/Kg in December 2000

Pears: 0.90 Euros/Kg v/s 0.60 Euros/Kg in December 2000

Table

Grapes: 1.20 Euros/Kg v/s 0.80 Euros/Kg in December 2000

SECTION II

PSD Table, Grapes

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
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	72000	72000	72000	72000	72000	72000
Area Harvested	70000	70000	70000	70000	70000	70000
Commercial Production	1504000	1504000	1518000	1523000	1530000	1485000
Non-Comm. Production	58000	58000	50000	50000	50000	45000
TOTAL Production	1562000	1562000	1568000	1573000	1580000	1530000
TOTAL Imports	12000	12000	14000	14000	14000	14000
TOTAL SUPPLY	1574000	1574000	1582000	1587000	1594000	1544000
Domestic Fresh Consump	696000	696000	690000	695000	689000	664000
Exports, Fresh Only	578000	578000	625000	625000	635000	610000
For Processing	300000	300000	267000	267000	270000	270000
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	1574000	1574000	1582000	1587000	1594000	1544000

PSD Table, Apples

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
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	69000	69000	69000	69000	68000	68000
Area Harvested	64000	64000	63000	63000	62000	62000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Production	2150000	2150000	2161000	2217000	1975000	2082000
Non-Comm. Production	46000	46000	45000	50000	55000	50000
TOTAL Production	2196000	2196000	2206000	2267000	2030000	2132000
TOTAL Imports	33000	33000	31000	33000	40000	33000
TOTAL SUPPLY	2229000	2229000	2237000	2300000	2070000	2165000
Domestic Fresh Consump	1267000	1267000	1242000	1363000	1200000	1295000
Exports, Fresh Only	580000	580000	585000	527000	570000	520000
For Processing	350000	350000	390000	390000	300000	340000
Withdrawal From Market	32000	32000	20000	20000	0	10000
TOTAL UTILIZATION	2229000	2229000	2237000	2300000	2070000	2165000

PSD Table, Pears

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
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	47000	47000	47000	47000	47000	47000
Area Harvested	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Production	734000	734000	831000	895000	780000	858000
Non-Comm. Production	50000	50000	45000	45000	44000	50000
TOTAL Production	784000	784000	876000	940000	824000	908000
TOTAL Imports	115000	115000	98000	94000	100000	95000
TOTAL SUPPLY	899000	899000	974000	1034000	924000	1003000
Domestic Fresh Consump	688000	688000	725000	776000	704000	783000
Exports, Fresh Only	123000	123000	139000	138000	130000	130000
For Processing	80000	80000	100000	110000	90000	90000
Withdrawal From Market	8000	8000	10000	10000	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	899000	899000	974000	1034000	924000	1003000

PSD Table, Apple Juice

PSD Table						
Country	Italy					
Commodity	Concentrated Apple Juice				(MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Deliv. To Processors	350000	350000	390000	390000	300000	340000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	1000	0	0	0
Production	60000	65000	60000	71000	0	65000
Imports	38000	39000	40000	35000	0	35000
TOTAL SUPPLY	98000	104000	101000	106000	0	100000
Exports	93000	100000	97000	102000	0	96000
Domestic Consumption	4000	4000	4000	4000	0	4000
Ending Stocks	1000	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	98000	104000	101000	106000	0	100000