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Report Highlights:

Exports of late orange varieties (Maroc-Late) have been revised downward because of bleak export demand which should in turn result in more fresh fruit being directed to processing. The export season for citrus should end in about one month.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Executive Summary

Morocco's exports of oranges are expected to end in about a month. For most varieties of small citrus fruit (tangerine-like) and oranges, the export season is over this year. The Maroc-Late orange variety is the latest variety to be exported and its season starts around mid-February and ends by mid-June. Export estimates for this variety have been revised down by the citrus producers association to reflect the lower than earlier forecast production.

Exports:

Exports of fresh citrus were revised downward for the late variety Maroc-Late because of difficulties faced in the export markets. Exporters claimed that the recent international political situation, lower demand, the higher freight costs, and more recently the weak dollar negatively affected exports.

Exports of small fruit (tangerine-like) to the U.S. increased considerably this year compared to last year and reached about 10,000 MT. The export subsidy provided by the Moroccan GOM for exports to non-EU markets (see MO2021) boosted exports to the US this year.

Processing:

The sole citrus crusher in Morocco (FRUMAT) started its crushing season very late because there was no fruit delivered to the mills before February. High prices in the local fresh market, which is usually the second most lucrative option for farmers after exports, discouraged farmers from delivering their fruit to FRUMAT. Except in years of very large local supply, FRUMAT has failed to ensure regular deliveries of fresh citrus to its mills and as a result has been in a very weak financial situation. The weaker prospects for export of the Maroc-late orange variety is expected to benefit FRUMAT because more fruit should be available in the local fresh market which in turn will pull fresh market prices down and make the FRUMAT alternative more appealing. FRUMAT is still forecast to crush no more than 50,000 MT of oranges.

PSD Table						
Country	Morocco					
Commodity	Fresh Tangerines				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	21	21	21	21	21	21
Area Harvested	20	20	20	20	20	20
Bearing Trees	6700	6700	6700	6700	6700	6700
Non-Bearing Trees	150	150	150	150	150	150
TOTAL No. Of Trees	6850	6850	6850	6850	6850	6850
Production	260	260	405	405	458	458
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	260	260	405	405	458	458
Exports	136	136	190	190	232	210
Fresh Dom. Consumption	124	124	215	215	226	248
Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	260	260	405	405	458	458

PSD Table						
Country	Morocco					
Commodity	Fresh Oranges				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	49	49	49	49	49	49
Area Harvested	48	48	48	48	48	48
Bearing Trees	15900	15900	15900	15900	15900	15900
Non-Bearing Trees	200	200	200	200	200	200
TOTAL No. Of Trees	16100	16100	16100	16100	16100	16100
Production	693	693	720	720	814	814
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	693	693	720	720	814	814
Exports	240	240	240	240	294	250
Fresh Dom. Consumption	415	415	462	462	470	514
Processing	38	38	18	18	50	50
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	693	693	720	720	814	814
PSD Table						
Country	Morocco				Degrees Brix	
Commodity	Juice, Orange				(MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Deliv. To Processors	38	38	18	18	50	50
Beginning Stocks	3055	3055	3355	3355	1055	1055
Production	4000	4000	1600	1600	4550	4550
Imports	400	400	500	500	500	500
TOTAL SUPPLY	7455	7455	5455	5455	6105	6105
Exports	2500	2500	2800	2800	3300	3300
Domestic Consumption	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600
Ending Stocks	3355	3355	1055	1055	1205	1205
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	7455	7455	5455	5455	6105	6105

PSD Table						
Country	Morocco					
Commodity	Fresh Citrus,Other				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	5	5	5	5	5	5
Area Harvested	5	5	5	5	5	5
Bearing Trees	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Non-Bearing Trees	15	15	15	15	15	15
TOTAL No. Of Trees	1215	1215	1215	1215	1215	1215
Production	10	10	10	10	10	10
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	10	10	10	10	10	10
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresh Dom. Consumption	10	10	10	10	10	10
Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	10	10	10	10	10	10

PSD Table						
Country	Morocco					
Commodity	Fresh Lemons				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	2000	Revised	2001	Estimate	2002	Forecast
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]
Market Year Begin		10/2000		10/2001		10/2002
Area Planted	1	1	1	1	1	1
Area Harvested	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bearing Trees	280	280	280	280	280	280
Non-Bearing Trees	10	10	10	10	10	10
TOTAL No. Of Trees	290	290	290	290	290	290
Production	20	20	20	20	20	20
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	20	20	20	20	20	20
Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresh Dom. Consumption	20	20	20	20	20	20
Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	20	20	20	20	20	20