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Report Highlights:

Preliminary estimates indicate that French walnut production increased significantly in 2006 to 41,000 MT due to increased acreage and higher yields. In MY 2005/06, France remained a net exporter of in-shell walnuts, principally to Germany, while Moldova and Ukraine were France's largest suppliers of shelled walnuts. U.S. exports to France remained minor relative to other suppliers to France.

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Executive Summary

Preliminary estimates indicate that French walnut production increased significantly from 35,000 MT in 2005 to 41,000 MT in 2006. This was due both to the increased orchards area planted to walnut trees and to increased yields.

According to the French Ministry of Agriculture, the 2006 harvest of 41,000 MT production included 21,000 MT from south eastern France (up 14 percent from 2005) and 20,000 MT from south western France (up 30 percent).

In MY 2005/06, France remained a net exporter of in-shell walnuts, principally to Germany, Italy and Moldova, where French walnuts are shelled and re-exported back to France. Moldova and Ukraine were France's largest suppliers of shelled walnuts in MY 2005/06, with 78 percent of total French imports. U.S. exports to France of both in-shell and shelled walnuts remained minor relative to other suppliers to France.

Trade data reflects the most recent French Customs data published by the Global Trade Atlas system for MY 2005/06.

Statistical Tables

PSD Table

Country	France			2006			(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)		
	Walnuts, Inshell Basis			Estimate			2007 Forecast		
Commodity	2005	Revised	Post	2006	Estimate	Post	2007	Forecast	Post
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Estimate New
Market Year Begin	10/2005	10/2005		10/2006	10/2006		10/2007	10/2007	
Area Planted	20080	20400	31400	0	20400	35000	0	0	35000
Area Harvested	15950	16200	15950	0	16200	20000	0	0	20000
Bearing Trees	1600	1600	1600	0	1600	1600	0	0	1600
Non-Bearing Trees	450	450	450	0	450	450	0	0	450
Total Trees	2050	2050	2050	0	2050	2050	0	0	2050
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	32000	33000	33000	0	32000	41000	0	0	38000
Imports	11000	14000	16666	0	13000	12000	0	0	13000
Total Supply	43000	47000	49666	0	45000	53000	0	0	51000
Exports	24000	27000	29133	0	26000	32000	0	0	30000
Domestic Consumption	19000	20000	20533	0	19000	21000	0	0	21000
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	43000	47000	49666	0	45000	53000	0	0	51000

Sources: Office of Statistics of the French Ministry of Agriculture, French Customs by GTA

Import Trade Matrix

Country	France	
Commodity	Walnuts, Inshell Basis	
Time Period	Oct-Sept	Units: MT, in-shell basis
Imports for:	2005	2006
U.S.	317	292
Others	Others	
Moldova	7169	Moldova 9598
Ukraine	1762	Ukraine 3106
India	1176	India 566
Spain	465	Hungary 368
China	370	Slovakia 342
Italy	330	China 730
Hungary	300	Spain 775
Total for Others	11572	15485
Others not Listed	1255	889
Grand Total	13144	16666

Export Trade Matrix

Country	France	
Commodity	Walnuts, Inshell Basis	
Time Period	Oct-Sept	Units: MT, in-shell basis
Exports for:	2005	2006
U.S.	0	0
Others	Others	
Germany	6428	Germany 9212
Spain	4355	Spain 6737
Moldova	3529	Italy 3511
Italy	2593	Moldova 3880
Switzerland	1634	Switzerland 1649
Portugal	919	Portugal 1016
Belgium	865	Belgium 987
Total for Others	20323	26992
Others not Listed	1916	2141
Grand Total	22239	29133

Source: French Customs according to GTA

Note: the conversion factor used is 2 MT in-shell walnuts = 1 MT shelled walnuts

The following tables include French trade data for in-shell and shelled walnuts, which were used to prepare the general trade matrices for in-shell statistics on the previous page.

French exports of in-shell walnuts (08023100), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 04/05	MY 05/06
Total	16,315	22,669
Germany	4,232	6,510
Spain	4,039	6,157
Moldova	3,529	3,856
Italy	2,211	3,199

French imports of in-shell walnuts (08023100), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 04/05	MY 05/06
Total	346	400
U.S.	93	94
Spain	35	253

French exports of shelled walnuts (08023200), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 04/05	MY 05/06
Total	2,962	3,232
U.S.	0	0
Germany	1,098	1,351
Switzerland	619	541
Spain	158	290
Luxemburg	161	214
Belgium	169	175
Italy	191	156
Netherlands	193	153
Portugal	128	101

French imports of shelled walnuts (08023200), MT, product weight:

Countries	MY 04/05	MY 05/06
Total	6,406	8,133
U.S.	112	99
Moldova	3,575	4,799
Ukraine	881	1,553
China	185	365
India	588	283
Spain	218	261
Hungary	150	184
Slovakia	104	171