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Almond and Filbert PS&D Update

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Report Highlights:

The following report provides an update of Spain's almond and filbert supply and distribution tables. Production estimates for 1998/99 are still estimated to have been much lower than the previous year.

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

Spain's 1998/99 almond production is estimated at 30,000 tons, shelled basis, down 10,000 from the previous estimate. Unfavorable weather conditions reduced Spain's marketable almond crop to less than half the previous year. The official government estimate of the crop is 54,700 tons, but this figure includes all production, regardless of commercial value. The data on area has been revised based on information provided by producer organizations. In addition, the forecast for domestic consumption has been revised to reflect import forecasts. Spain's almond imports during the 1997/98 marketing year were 25,821 tons, of which 22,627 came from the U.S. Total almond exports during the same period were 50,844 tons. Due to the shorter crop, exports are expected to decline during 1998/99, while almond imports are forecast to be higher.

The hazelnut crop is estimated at 10,000 tons, slightly above the previous estimate, but still well below the 1997/98 record crop of 16,000 tons. Production is down this year as it was an "off" year in the production cycle, and due to adverse weather conditions in Catalonia, the main filbert producing region. Frosts in mid-March and late April hampered the development of the fruit. Similar to the situation with the almond crop estimate, official sources peg 1998/99 hazelnut production much higher at 16,200 tons, but post's estimate more accurately reflects production of commercial value. Spanish hazelnut imports during 1997/98 marketing year were 8,760 tons, inshell basis, while exports were 11,787 tons. Imports during the current marketing year are expected to be higher due to the shorter crop.

Note: Peseta/US\$ Exchange Rates, January 1999 - 143.77 pesetas/\$.

Production, Supply & Distribution

Almonds, Shelled Basis - Spain

PSD Table							
Country:	Spain						
Commodity:	Almonds, Shelled Basis						
		1996		1997		1998	
		Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
	Market Year Begin		09/1996		09/1997		09/1998
Area Planted		420,000	420,000	422,000	422,000	422,000	422,000
Area Harvested		418,000	418,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000
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
Beginning Stocks		8,500	8,500	4,000	4,000	8,000	7,000
Production		60,000	60,000	75,000	75,000	40,000	30,000
Imports		20,200	20,200	16,000	25,800	20,000	27,000
TOTAL SUPPLY		88,700	88,700	95,000	104,800	68,000	64,000
Exports		33,600	33,600	40,000	50,800	21,000	32,000
Domestic Consumption		51,100	51,100	47,000	47,000	45,000	30,000
Ending Stocks		4,000	4,000	8,000	7,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		88,700	88,700	95,000	104,800	68,000	64,000

Production, Supply & Distribution
Filberts, Inshell Basis - Spain

PSD Table						
Country:		Spain				
Commodity:		Filberts, Inshell Basis				
		1996		1997		1998
		Old	New	Old	New	Old
Market Year Begin		09/1996		09/1997		09/1998
Area Planted		29,400	29,400	29,000	29,000	28,000
Area Harvested		22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	21,000
Bearing Trees		0	0	0	0	0
Non-Bearing Trees		0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees		0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks		5,100	5,100	800	1,000	500
Production		6,500	6,500	18,900	16,000	8,000
Imports		13,200	12,300	7,000	8,800	12,500
TOTAL SUPPLY		24,800	23,900	26,700	25,800	21,000
Exports		7,000	7,900	10,200	11,800	6,000
Domestic Consumption		17,000	15,000	16,000	14,000	15,000
Ending Stocks		800	1,000	500	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		24,800	23,900	26,700	25,800	21,000