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Report Highlights:

Apple production and exports continue to increase in New Zealand. Apple exports are forecast to be up four percent at 405,000 metric tons in 2019/2020, following a six percent increase in 2018/2019. New plantings of deciduous fruit trees continue to expand the total planted area by three to four percent per year.

Executive Summary

Apple production area in New Zealand is continuing to expand. For 2019/2020, harvested area is forecast at 10,180 hectares (ha), a nearly four percent increase over 2018/2019. However, the rationale behind further increases in planted and harvested area may be weakening. Previously, orchard expansion was driven by good market prices and the expectation of better productivity and higher prices from intensive plantings of new high-color and sweeter varieties. However, now constraints include the severe shortage of suitable land with water availability in the largest apple region, Hawkes Bay, and new environmental regulations being proposed that are likely to increase operating costs and may restrict land-use change rights over the whole country.

FAS/Wellington is forecasting 2019/2020 apple production at 598,000 metric tons (MT), 3.7 percent greater than 2018/2019. Primarily the increase is due to the expanded harvested area. However, production prospects are likely to be tempered by a few factors including: lower yields likely from the younger first harvest trees; an already anticipated harvest labor shortage; and the late removal of Braeburn trees following the very poor export prices achieved in 2018/2019.

Total apple production for 2018/2019 is now estimated at 576,850 MT, virtually the same as 2017/2018. This three percent upward revision is a reversal of the previous estimate, because previously it was thought the smaller fruit sizes during the early harvest period signaled that the total production would be down. However, this did not come to pass, and fruit sizes and quality improved as the harvest progressed.

Apple exports for 2019/2020 are forecast at 405,000 MT, which represents a four percent increase over 2018/2019. Over two-thirds of apples produced in New Zealand are exported as fresh apples, with shipments increasingly going to Asian markets.

Because of the greater production volume and higher percentage of apples that are export-quality, 2018/2019 apple exports are now estimated at 391,000 MT, which would be a six percent increase on 2017/2018.

The 2018/2019 processing volume, however, is now estimated at 113,000 MT, 15 percent less than 2017/2018 because of the increased export percentage and apple quality. Domestic consumption of apples is expected to be stable at 73,000 MT for both 2019/2020 and 2018/19.

For 2019/2020, pear production is forecast at 14,000 MT, a six percent increase on 2018/2019 due to higher harvested area. This should mean pear exports will rise and are forecast at 4,500 MT for 2019/2020, a 13 percent increase. Pear production for 2018/19 is estimated at 13,200 MT, four percent less than 2017/2018. Pear exports for 2018/19 are now estimated at 4,000 MT, 17 percent less than 2017/2018.

Note1: The Marketing Year is from Jan 1 to Dec 31, so MY 2019/2020 will be shown as 2019/2020 and refers to Jan 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020 in the text to conform to Northern Hemisphere country marketing years. Note2: A TCE stands for Tray Carton Equivalent and is 18.0 kilograms of fruit. FOB stands for Free-On-Board which denotes the value of a product once it is loaded on board ship ready for departure.

Apples

Planted and Harvested Area

Apple harvested area in New Zealand in 2019/2020 is forecast by FAS/Wellington at 10,180 ha, a 3.5 percent increase over 2018/2019. This follows a similar increase of four percent in area in 2018/19.

Planting of new areas has continued in 2019 but there are signs that this may slow down over the next two to three years. Despite this, there is expected to be strong redevelopment and replanting of existing apple blocks because of a few key factors:

- The drive to quickly reduce the Braeburn variety area after the poor returns in 2018/2019 year. Even though the Braeburn variety is a relatively high yielding tree the level of income needed to breakeven financially was not achieved by many growers.
- Some of the larger fruit businesses and other growers are starting to consider investing back into their existing businesses more rather than expanding their orchard areas with new plantings.

There is also a continued push to more intensive growing systems to boost yields from the average 60 MT/ha now from the larger woody trees to 80-100 MT/ha levels that can be achieved from smaller, more densely planted trees. There are a range of systems being tried such as: Vee trellis with up to 11,000 trees per hectare; 2D growing format specially set up for robotic harvesting; and twin stem training utilizing post and wire supporting structures. Potentially some of the systems have the potential for apple yields of 150 MT/ha. The varieties being planted at the moment include: Pacific Queen, Jugala (a Royal Gala type); Dazzle (a large red sweet apple); Rockit (a small snack apple sold in clear tubes of five apples); Kanzi; Ambrosia; Sweetango; and Posy. One of the factors which is exacerbating the harvest labor shortage is the number of the newly planted varieties which have a mid-season harvest maturity timing, as opposed to the more even spread of harvest dates for the older varieties.

Even if the area expansion of new plantings slows down, production is still expected to see a boost for the next several years as past plantings begin to produce and achieve marketable yields.

The factors mitigating future growth in planted area include:

- There is insufficient labor, especially at harvest. The shortage of labor now appears structural with the only short-term solution being the use of more short-term immigration from the Pacific islands. However, the Government is not keen to allow in the numbers of people the horticultural sector has expressed it needs. In the medium to long term, harvest mechanization such as the use of picking platforms and ultimately robotic harvesting will be solutions to this issue.
- Reportedly, banks in some instances are making confirmation of a labor supply a condition of lending for green-field orchard development.

- New orchard developments are now only able to go ahead in the Hawkes Bay (which represents 61 percent of the total apple area) and Gisborne regions if they have surety of a water supply for irrigation. Water availability is now severely limited with nearly all water sources fully allocated in these regions. There are no community or regional water storage projects on the drawing boards in Hawkes Bay or Gisborne. Private water storage schemes of limited size may still get approved.
- ➤ Compounding this are proposals by the Government for new environmental regulations which will further complicate water availability. The water quality proposals may restrict land-use change in horticultural areas. In addition, the greenhouse gas emissions regulatory changes are likely to, at the very least, increase grower costs.

The harvested area in 2018/2019 is estimated at 9,835 ha, up four percent on 2017/2018.

Table 1

Deciduo	Deciduous Fruit Plantings in New Zealand by Variety (in Hectares)												
Calendar Year of Harvest	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 est.			
Braeburn	2034	1,869	1740	1589	1504	1381	1352	1303	1239	1199			
Cox	281	248	236	203	178	150	134	121	111	101			
Cripps Pink/Pink Lady	353	397	434	446	459	443	461	523	562	606			
Envy		88	174	272	285	315	346	416	544	610			
Fuji	899	931	970	934	906	832	837	858	831	854			
Granny Smith	282	267	256	256	246	240	219	233	231	247			
Jazz	917	977	983	943	905	869	855	825	821	807			
Pacific Beauty	149	135	127	120	113	92	84	83	71	56			
Pacific Queen	220	263	291	351	456	622	730	827	878	880			
Pacific Rose	424	416	399	396	390	379	364	365	342	321			
Pacific series Sub- Total	793	814	817	867	959	1,093	1,178	1,275	1,291	1,257			
Royal Gala & sports	2538	2,417	2423	2369	2386	2337	2410	2549	2604	2708			
Other Varieties	389	421	376	385	484	709	790	707	930	1060			
Total Apple Area	8,486	8,429	8,409	8,264	8,312	8,369	8,582	8,810	9,164	9,449			
Total Pear Area	412	429	473	441	448	403	407	403	371	361			
Unregistered area						383	320	413	465	495			
Total	8,898	8,858	8,882	8,705	8,760	9,155	9,309	9,626	10,000	10,305			
Braeburn as % of Apple Area	24.0%	22.2%	20.7%	19.2%	18.1%	16.5%	15.8%	14.8%	13.5%	12.7%			
Royal Gala as % of Apple Area	29.9%	28.7%	28.8%	28.7%	28.7%	27.9%	28.1%	28.9%	28.4%	28.7%			

Source: A&PNZI Survey

Note: The unregistered area includes planted area not currently producing fruit for export.

Production

2019/2020

Total apple production is forecast at 598,000 MT, 3.7 percent greater than 2018/2019. This is primarily the result of the increased harvested area. The extra harvested area comes from new plantings over the last three to four years coming into production.

There was widespread hail early in October 2019 in the largest growing area, Hawkes Bay. However, the extent of any damage to potential yield is not known yet. Reportedly industry participants are not unduly concerned.

The average production yield per hectare is forecast at 58.7 MT/hectare, which is the same as 2018/2019. While nationally the status quo yield is put at 60 MT/ha, there are a few negative factors which may pull the national average yield below that:

- ➤ The very poor financial returns for Braeburn variety sales in 2018/2019 are likely to hasten the removal of this variety. Whether the removal of trees in the winter of 2019 will reduce the anticipated increase in harvested area is not yet known.
- ➤ There is a significant area of young trees coming into production and while their mature production is likely to be well in excess of 60 MT/ha, for the first one or two production years it is not likely to exceed 60 MT/ha.
- The difficulty in sourcing adequate harvest labor may well impact total production if apples are left on trees or picking standards are not as good as they have been over the last few years.

2018/2019

The 2018/2019 apple harvest estimate has been revised up to 577,000 MT, nearly the same as 2017/2018, but a three percent upward revision on the previous estimate. Reasons behind this increase include:

- There was reduced average fruit size for the early fruit harvested, and expectations were that this would continue and reduce the overall fruit volume. However, as the harvest progressed fruit size improved.
- Fruit was of good quality with high color (i.e. deep red skin color) and the proportion of export-quality fruit was better than last year.
- New plantings of the last two to three years coming into production increased the harvest area.
- ➤ The main growing area of Hawkes Bay was very wet in August 2018, which meant the orchards went into the growing season with good soil moisture at full water-holding capacity. This helped minimize

the amount of irrigation needed during the growing season.

- > July to September 2018 was colder than normal, which prevented early budding and became the basis for good flowering and fruit set levels.
- Warm temperatures during January 2019 helped fruit mature well and aided color development.

Production, Supply, and Distribution Table

Table 2

Apples, Fresh	2017/2	2018	2018/	2019	2019/	2020
Market Begin Year	Jan 2	018	Jan 2	2019	Jan 2	2020
New Zealand	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	9925	9925	10315	10315	0	10725
Area Harvested	9450	9450	9835	9835	0	10180
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	572500	572500	558000	573850	0	595000
Non-Comm. Production	3000	3000	3000	3000	0	3000
Production	575500	575500	561000	576850	0	598000
Imports	200	164	300	150	0	150
Total Supply	575700	575664	561300	577000	0	598150
Fresh Dom. Consumption	73525	73500	71300	73000	0	73150
Exports	369400	369389	370000	391000	0	405000
For Processing	132775	132775	120000	113000	0	120000
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	575700	575664	561300	577000	0	598150
(HA), (1000 TREES), (MT)						

Note: Data included in this report is not official USDA data. Official data can be found at http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd

Consumption

FAS/Wellington forecasts apple consumption in 2019/2020 to be 73,150 MT, essentially the same as the 2018/2019 total. New Zealand has a relatively mature level of per capita apple consumption which uses approximately only 12 percent of the total crop produced.

Processing

The 2019/2020 apple processing volume is forecast at 120,000 MT, which will be six percent up on 2018/2019. As the total production increases it is likely the tonnage going to processing will increase commensurately. Reportedly some blocks of Braeburn apples will be managed solely for processing this year, in order to keep costs down and not endure another year of very low export prices. A range of apple products are produced such as juice, juice concentrates, diced and sliced apples, apple puree, and apple paste. The major products exported are apple juice products with approximately five million liters being exported in 2017/2018.

The 2018/2019 apple processing volume is now estimated at 113,000 MT, 15 percent lower than the previous year. Even though total apple production is estimated to be greater, the higher proportion of export-quality fruit should have reduced the volume being sent to processing.

Trade

Exports

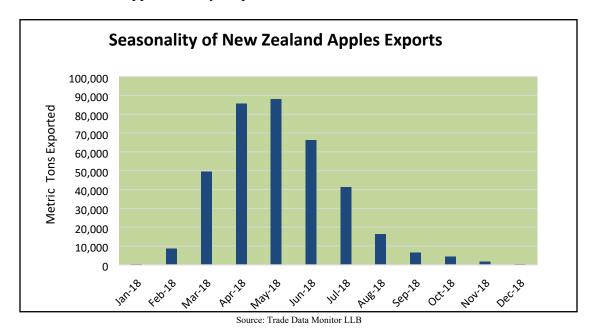
2019/2020

Based on the expected increased apple production and assuming a similar proportion of the crop graded export-quality, FAS/Wellington is forecasting 405,000 MT of exports in 2019/2020. This represents a four percent increase over 2018/2019.

Industry sources do not expect another increase in volume shipped to China of the magnitude experienced in 2018/2019. It is more likely that if the Chinese domestic crop is back to normal, the volume shipped there may stabilize or even decline. Exporters are hoping markets in the European Union will be stronger in 2019/2020 and will take more fruit at higher prices in order to maintain overall average prices.

2018/2019

FAS/Wellington now estimates 2018/2019 apple exports at 391,000 MT, which would be six percent greater than 2017/2018, and a six percent upward revision on the previous forecast. Primarily the smaller fruit size that was observed at the onset of the harvest and was forecast would negatively affect final export volumes did not continue as the harvest progressed. Generally, fruit quality was better than the previous year and fruit color was very good. This meant the proportion of the total production graded export-quality increased from 64 percent in 2017/2018 to approximately 68 percent in 2018/2019.



Once again in 2018/2019 Asian markets are showing positive demand growth. The severe frost damage which reduced the Chinese domestic crop significantly has supercharged demand for apple imports into China with volumes exported from New Zealand up 107 percent in January-August compared to the same period last year. Reportedly the lack of Chinese apple availability in other Asian markets also helped boost demand for New Zealand apples. To other Asian markets (excluding China and Hong Kong) for the year to date (January – August) there has been a 25 percent increase in volumes exported from New Zealand.

Table 3

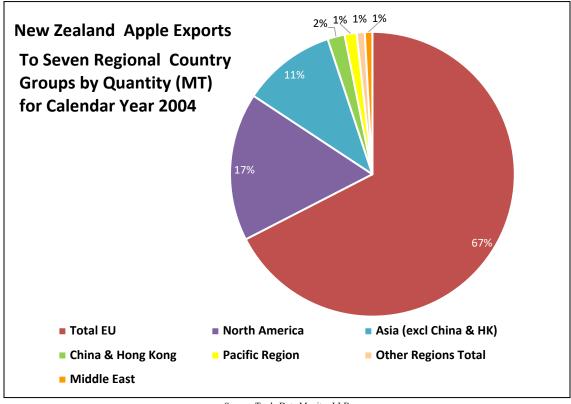
Nev	New Zealand Export Statistics for Fresh Apples											
Year To Date: January - August												
		quantity (MT)		Ma	%∆							
Partner	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2019/18					
China	16,544	21,528	44,617	5	6.04	11.71	107.25					
United Kingdom	49,237	44,117	43,811	14.88	12.38	11.50	-0.69					
United States	38,080	40,420	33,905	11.51	11.34	8.90	-16.12					
Thailand	20,409	15,996	30,359	6.17	4.49	7.97	89.79					
Germany	18,147	30,808	24,483	5.48	8.65	6.43	-20.53					
Vietnam	12,120	16,205	24,259	3.66	4.55	6.37	49.70					
Taiwan	23,346	22,378	20,897	7.06	6.28	5.49	-6.62					
Netherlands	30,995	29,100	20,127	9.37	8.17	5.28	-30.84					
Hong Kong	12,245	12,650	18,209	3.70	3.55	4.78	43.95					
India	9,419	25,787	16,714	2.85	7.24	4.39	-35.19					
Rest of the World	100,339	97,373	103,574	30.32	27.32	27.19	6.37					
World Total	330,881	356,362	380,955	100	100	100	6.90					

Source: Trade Data Monitor LLB

In regard to trade to the European Union, after a good year into continental Europe in 2017/2018, New Zealand apple volumes are down by 24 percent for the January to August period in 2018/2019 compared with 2017/2018. One of the reasons for this decline is that prices into many Asian markets for varieties such as Pink Lady and Jazz have been more attractive than to the European Union. The other major variety exported to the European Union is Braeburn apples, and at least 66 percent of the Braeburn apples exported go to this market. Plentiful supplies of fruit in the European Union crashed the market for the Braeburn variety especially with actual prices down by an estimated 30 to 40 percent compared with 2017/2018.

In the past 15 years there has been a dramatic shift of New Zealand apple exports away from the European Union and towards Asian markets (see charts below). This shift began after the apple industry was deregulated and modern sweeter, highly colored apples began to be planted.

Table 4



Source: Trade Data Monitor LLB

Table 5

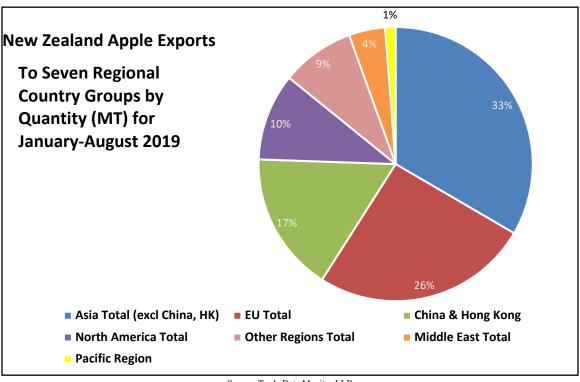


Table 6

N	ew Zealan	d Export	Statistics	s for Fres	sh Apple	S						
Calendar Year: 2016 - 2018												
Double of Country		Quantity			% Share		% Change					
Partner Country	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017					
Total for EU	75,040	78,310	96,280	21.63	22.70	26.06	22.95					
United Kingdom	42,925	49,237	44,665	12.37	14.27	12.09	- 9.29					
United States	48,625	38,220	40,462	14.02	11.08	10.95	5.87					
India	13,253	9,667	25,787	3.82	2.80	6.98	166.75					
Taiwan	32,183	23,673	22,437	9.28	6.86	6.07	- 5.22					
China	17,491	16,586	22,171	5.04	4.81	6.00	33.68					
Thailand	24,889	23,605	18,654	7.17	6.84	5.05	- 20.97					
Vietnam	8,316	13,311	18,149	2.40	3.86	4.91	36.35					
United Arab Emirates	17,785	18,178	15,424	5.13	5.27	4.18	- 15.15					
Hong Kong	10,183	13,416	14,074	2.94	3.89	3.81	4.91					
Rest of the World	56,223	60,727	51,286	16.21	17.61	13.88	-15.55					
World Total	346,913	344,930	369,389	100.00	100.00	100.00	7.09					

Source: Trade Data Monitor LLB

Imports

New Zealand only imports very limited quantities of apples and FAS/Wellington is forecasting imports to be stable. With a bigger crop forecast for 2019/2020 it is not likely imports will increase. 2018/19 imports are estimated at only 150 MT, nine percent down on 2017/2018.

Table 7

New Zealand Import Statistics for Fresh Apples Calendar Year: 2016 - 2018									
Davida du Cassadan.	Q	uantity (M	т)						
Partner Country	2016	2017	2018						
United States	281	414	152						
Poland	0	0	12						
New Zealand (customs re-entry)	42	43	0						
Italy	0	25	0						
World Total	323	482	164						

Market Access

The New Zealand deciduous fruit sector currently has no major problems with market access, however, it has been reported that port holdups, labeling issues, increased complexity of phyto-sanitary requirements and political issues are on the rise in some export markets.

Trade Policy Update

CPTPP

The CPTTP Agreement includes eleven countries: New Zealand, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. On December 30, 2018, the CPTPP came into force for the seven countries that ratified it (i.e., New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, and Vietnam. The remaining countries have yet to ratify the treaty.

For New Zealand apple exporters, the progressive tariff reductions into Japan are seen as a key factor that should lead to increased sales (see chart below). In 2016/2017, 3,624 MT of New Zealand apples were shipped to Japan, up from 1,440 MT the year before. For 2017/2018, 3,379 MT was shipped. For the year-to-date 2018/2019, 4,719 MT have been shipped, a 40 percent increase on the previous year total.

Table 8

NZ apple exports to Japan Tariff Reductions

Year	Y0	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Tariff	17.0%	12.7%	11.4%	10.2%	8.9%	7.6%	6.3%	5.1%	3.8%	2.5%	1.2%	0.0%

Source: MFAT, Apples & Pears NZ

Under CPTPP, tariffs on New Zealand apples to Japan will be reduced by 5.6 percent to 11.4 percent in 2019. Mexico's tariffs are expected to decline to zero by year 11 and should stimulate new trade. For the year-to date 2018/2019, 373 MT have been shipped to Mexico compared with 21 MT for the prior comparable period.

Pears

Planted and Harvested Area

Industry sources indicate the downward trend in pear area observed since 2011 has bottomed out and some expansion is beginning. FAS/Wellington forecasts the 2019/2020 harvested area at 375 ha, up four percent on the previous year. Reportedly the rate of tree replacement and the amount of new plantings of varieties such as Piqa Boo is more than offsetting complete tree removal and changes to apple production. The harvested area for 2018/2019 is now estimated at 360 ha, three percent less than 2017/2018.

Production

2019/2020

For 2019/2020 FAS/Wellington is forecasting total pear production at 14,000 MT, which is a six percent lift over 2018/2019. The increase is put down to the anticipated harvested area increase.

2018/2019

FAS/Wellington estimates 2018/19 pear production at 13,200 MT, four percent less than 2017/2018

Production, Supply, and Distribution Table

Table 9

Pears, Fresh	2017/2	2018	2018/	2019	2019/	2020	
Market Begin Year	Jan 2	018	Jan 2	2019	Jan 2020		
New Zealand	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	
Area Planted	395	395	375	375	0	390	
Area Harvested	375	370	355	360	0	375	
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	13612	13612	12000	13000	0	13800	
Non-Comm. Production	200	200	0	200	0	200	
Production	13812	13812	12000	13200	0	14000	
Imports	3700	3650	4500	3350	0	3250	
Total Supply	17512	17462	16500	16550	0	17250	
Fresh Dom. Consumption	10812	10750	10700	10750	0	10750	
Exports	4800	4812	4000	4000	0	4500	
For Processing	1900	1900	1800	1800	0	2000	
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Distribution	17512	17462	16500	16550	0	17250	
(HA), (1000 TREES), (MT)							

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Consumption

Pear consumption for 2019/2020 is expected to remain the stable at 10,750 MT.

Processing

With the anticipated increased production in 2019/2020 it is forecast there will be an increase to 2,000 MT of pears processed, an 11 percent gain. Pear processing in 2018/2019 is estimated at 1,800 MT, a 100 MT or five percent decrease from 2017/2018.

Trade

Exports

2019/2020

For 2019/2020 FAS/Wellington is forecasting exports at 4,500 MT up 13 percent on 2018/2019 because of the increased production resulting from new plantings coming into production.

Table 10

New Ze	ealand Ex	port Sta	tistics fo	r Fresh F	Pears						
Year To Date: January - August											
Partner	Qı	uantity (M	T)	Mai	%Δ 2019/18						
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019					
Taiwan	1,226	1,865	1,540	33.32	39.75	40.33	-17.43				
United States	1,072	1,264	673	29.13	26.95	17.64	-46.72				
China	326	497	648	8.86	10.59	16.98	30.43				
United Kingdom	282	236	193	7.67	5.02	5.05	-18.24				
Fiji	81	127	167	2.20	2.70	4.39	32.04				
Canada	105	122	137	2.85	2.59	3.58	12.47				
Singapore	117	50	72	3.19	1.07	1.90	44.08				
French Polynesia	68	48	71	1.84	1.02	1.86	48.64				
Tonga	83	71	68	2.25	1.52	1.78	-4.90				
Hong Kong	69	33	58	1.87	0.71	1.53	74.76				
Rest of world	250	378	191	6.80	8.06	5.00	-49.47				
World Total	3,679	4,691	3,818	100	100	100	-18.62				

Source: Trade Data Monitor LLB

Table 11

Ne	ew Zeala	nd Expor	t Statistic	s For Fre	sh Pears							
Calendar Year: 2016 - 2018												
Partner Country	С	uantity (M	IT)		% Share		% Change					
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017					
Taiwan	1662	1226	1865	36.04	32.38	38.75	52.11					
United States	1121	1072	1264	24.32	28.31	26.27	17.95					
China	45	326	497	0.97	8.62	10.33	52.37					
United Kingdom	280	282	236	6.06	7.45	4.90	- 16.49					
Total for EU	239	184	231	5.18	4.86	4.80	25.54					
Fiji	251	101	137	5.45	2.66	2.86	36.61					
Canada	112	105	122	2.44	2.77	2.53	16.17					
Tonga	84	122	106	1.82	3.23	2.20	- 13.54					
French Polynesia	93	83	68	2.03	2.20	1.41	- 18.43					
Singapore	103	117	50	2.22	3.10	1.04	- 57.17					
Rest of world	622	167	236	13.49	4.41	4.90	41.32					
World Total	4612	3785	4812	100.00	100.00	100.00	27.12					

Based on the pace of exporting for the year-to-date, pear exports for 2018/2019 are expected to reach 4,000 MT, 17 percent less than 2017/2018 because of reduced total production.

Imports

Table 12

New Zealand Import Statistics for Pears										
Year to Date: January - August										
	C	Quantity (MT	Mai	Market Share (%)						
Partner	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2019/18			
Australia	1,427	1,301	1,040	80.51	81.99	86.51	-20.09			
China	234	154	150	13.22	9.70	12.50	-2.46			
South Korea	16	6	12	0.90	0.38	1	99.73			
United States	95	126	0	5.37	7.93	0	-100			
World Total	1,772	1,587	1,202	100	100	100	-24.26			

Source: Trade Data Monitor LLB

For 2019/2020, FAS/Wellington is forecasting pear imports at 3,250 MT, three percent below 2018/2019. As new plantings of pears come to fruition the total domestic supply will increase, which will squeeze the window of opportunity for imports.

For 2018/2019, FAS/Wellington estimates pear imports at 3,350 MT, eight percent below 2017/2018 based on the year-to-date rate of importing and a seasonal uptick in shipping as the New Zealand stocks peter out.

Table 13

	New Zealand Import Statistics for Pears										
Calendar Year: 2016 - 2018											
		Quantity			% Change						
Partner Country	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018	2018/2017				
Australia	2108	3171	2707	65.23	69.56	74.16	- 14.63				
China	505	718	500	15.63	15.76	13.70	- 30.37				
United States	513	572	359	15.86	12.56	9.84	- 37.28				
Korea South	106	93	84	3.29	2.05	2.30	- 10.05				
Italy	0	4	0	0.00	0.08	0.00	- 100.00				
World Total	3231	4559	3650	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 19.93				

Attachments:

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