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General Summary

In 1998, improved weather conditions in most growing areas increased production of apples, grapes and pears. However, rain late in the spring and excess humidity in some areas during summer affected the quality of table grapes which reduced slightly the exportable production. Pears were also affected by abnormal temperatures (some cold and cloudy days) during the summer in some areas which reduced the exportable production significantly. A fall in total pear exports is expected. For apples, a strong export demand together with a good quality crop will result in a significant expansion of exports.

Fresh Apples

Production

Excellent weather during the last growing season had a positive effect on both the quantity and quality of the green and the red apple varieties, mainly the new red apple varieties, which resulted in significant increases in production and export during MY1998.

Consumption

There are no official data on domestic fresh consumption. The figure shown in the PS&D is estimated as a residual of estimated production, minus apples destined for processing and the only known export figure.

Trade

A stronger export demand combined with good quality during the MY1998 season will result in a significantly larger total export volume of apples, when compared to the previous season.

Prices

In spite of a stronger export demand, preliminary data shows lower apple prices in 1998 when compared to previous years. However, industry sources expect prices to be higher as the year ends.

PS&D Table

PSD Table						
Country:	Chile					
Commodity:	Apples					
		1996		1997		1998
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1996		01/1997		01/1998
Area Planted	31600	31600	39684	39684	39800	39800
Area Harvested	23800	23800	30334	30334	31200	31200
Bearing Trees	9925	9925	12650	12650	12792	12792
Non-Bearing Trees	3128	3128	3770	3770	3680	3680
Total Trees	13053	13053	16420	16420	16472	16472
Commercial Production	900000	900000	910000	910000	940000	960000
Non-Comm. Production	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
TOTAL Production	910000	910000	920000	920000	950000	970000
TOTAL Imports	0	0	72	72	240	240
TOTAL SUPPLY	910000	910000	920072	920072	950240	970240
Domestic Fresh Consump	92000	92000	93000	93000	93500	93500
Exports, Fresh Only	442000	442000	390000	386587	415000	445000
For Processing	376000	376000	437072	440485	441740	431740
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	910000	910000	920072	920072	950240	970240

Fresh Table Grapes

Production

Table grape output in 1998 resulted larger than previously estimated inspite of adverse weather conditions (rain) in some southern growing areas (Region VI). Excellent weather and sufficient water supply for irrigation in other areas are the main factors that contributed to the expansion in output.

Trade

In spite of unstable weather during the summer months, due to El Nino phenomenum, which reduced the quality of the product slightly, total exports are expected to be larger than both the previous year and our previous forecast.

PS&D Table

PSD Table						
Country:	Chile					
Commodity:	Fresh Table Grapes					
		1996		1997		1998
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1996		01/1997		01/1998
Area Planted	45968	45968	43786	43786	43786	43786
Area Harvested	43465	43465	39144	39144	39250	39250
Commercial Production	860000	860000	810000	810000	815000	845000
Non-Comm. Production	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL Production	865000	865000	815000	815000	820000	850000
TOTAL Imports	0	0	170	170	200	200
TOTAL SUPPLY	865000	865000	815170	815170	820200	850200
Domestic Fresh Consump	91500	91500	91900	91900	92000	92000
Exports, Fresh Only	513000	513000	450000	471165	430000	490000
For Processing	260500	260500	273270	252105	298200	268200
Withdrawal From Market	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	865000	865000	815170	815170	820200	850200

Fresh Pears

Production

As expected, Chilean pear production expanded in MY1998 as there are still orchards in the increasing yield stage of production. But due to abnormal weather in most pear growing areas during the last growing season, a lower quality production was obtained.

Consumption

As with other fruits domestically consumed pears are mainly export rejects. Most of the pears are consumed fresh, because only a few existing varieties in Chile can be processed for canned pears or juice concentrates.

Trade

As a result of a lower quality harvest and a weak export demand, shipments in 1998 are expected to be smaller than both, last year's exports and our previous estimates.

PS&D Table

PSD Table						
Country:	Chile					
Commodity:	Fresh Pears					
		1996		1997		1998
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1996		01/1997		01/1998
Area Planted	14830	14830	11840	11840	11840	11840
Area Harvested	11650	11650	10813	10813	10813	10820
Bearing Trees	5610	5610	5210	5210	5210	5210
Non-Bearing Trees	1390	1390	380	380	380	380
Total Trees	7000	7000	5590	5590	5590	5590
Commercial Production	250000	250000	255000	255000	260000	258000
Non-Comm. Production	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
TOTAL Production	252000	252000	257000	257000	262000	260000
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	252000	252000	257000	257000	262000	260000
Domestic Fresh Consump	56000	56000	56500	56500	56800	57000
Exports, Fresh Only	162000	162000	164000	163060	165000	155000
For Processing	34000	34000	36500	37440	40200	48000