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WAPA RELEASES SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE AND PEAR CROP FORECASTS

WAPA released in Berlin its annual consolidated crop forecasts for the forthcoming southern hemisphere apple and pear seasons (see tables below). Collected from industry groups in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa, the forecast showed that the 2012 apple and pear Southern Hemisphere crops are expected to reach 5.539.000 MT and 1.521.000 MT, respectively. For apples, this represents a small decrease of 2 % on the 2011 crop; while forecasted export figures also decrease by 4% to 1.664.163 MT. For pears, a small decrease of 1% on the 2011 crop is recorded while forecasted export figures are expected to be 14% higher at 721.991 MT. Following recent climatic adverse condition in Argentina, the production data of that country might be further adjusted in the coming weeks , once a full assessment of the consequences will be made.

Mr Moffitt commented *“The release of these data is one of contribution of WAPA to increase transparency of the world apple and pears business , WAPA being also involved in a similar forecast process for the Northern Hemisphere. WAPA will continue its efforts to aggregate at international level production and trade data to enhance transparency, cooperate on quality as well as on specific dossiers such as nutrition and health, as well as sharing experiences and best practices on promotion and image of apple and pears.”*

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WAPA was founded in August 2001 with the objectives of providing a forum for discussion on matters of interest to the apple and pear business and initiating recommendations to strengthen the sector. The current President of the Association is Kevin Moffitt of USA Pears, while Peter Beaven of Pipfruit New Zealand is Vice-President. WAPA membership includes the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Scandinavia, Slovenia, South Africa, the UK, Ukraine and the USA.

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SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE PRODUCTION

Apples

x 1000 tons

| Country | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | F2012 | (1) | (2) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Argentina | 1.121 | 1.051 | 1.047 | 980 | 933 | 800 | 1.048 | 950 | -9 | 2 |
| Australia | 327 | 276 | 271 | 265 | 267 | 259 | 264 | 298 | 13 | 13 |
| Brazil | 882 | 759 | 993 | 983 | 1.053 | 1.226 | 1.250 | 1.187 | -5 | 1 |
| Chile | 1.562 | 1.644 | 1.732 | 1.770 | 1.811 | 1.755 | 1.784 | 1.821 | 2 | 2 |
| New Zealand | 506 | 392 | 427 | 434 | 466 | 448 | 513 | 502 | -2 | 6 |
| South Africa | 703 | 637 | 689 | 749 | 747 | 775 | 780 | 781 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 5.101 | 4.759 | 5.159 | 5.181 | 5.276 | 5.264 | 5.639 | 5.539 | -2 | 3 |

(1) Percentage difference between F2012 and 2011

(2) Percentage difference between F2012 and the average of 2009 - 2010- 2011

x 1000 tons

| Variety | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | F2012 | (1) | (2) |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Braeburn | 294 | 248 | 272 | 220 | 239 | 212 | 213 | 183 | -14 | -17 |
| Cripps pink | 149 | 153 | 164 | 206 | 215 | 229 | 246 | 274 | 11 | 19 |
| Fuji | 593 | 535 | 636 | 629 | 643 | 729 | 690 | 748 | 9 | 9 |
| Gala | 1.186 | 1.260 | 1.496 | 1.574 | 1.654 | 1.768 | 1.863 | 1.798 | -3 | 2 |
| Golden Delicious | 186 | 155 | 181 | 172 | 169 | 169 | 168 | 178 | 6 | 6 |
| Granny Smith | 919 | 807 | 843 | 856 | 837 | 786 | 871 | 878 | 1 | 6 |
| Red Delicious | 1.370 | 1.177 | 1.152 | 1.078 | 1.025 | 843 | 1.141 | 1.035 | -9 | 3 |
| Others | 404 | 424 | 415 | 446 | 494 | 528 | 448 | 444 | -1 | -9 |
| Total: | 5.101 | 4.759 | 5.159 | 5.181 | 5.276 | 5.264 | 5.639 | 5.539 | -2 | 3 |



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE PEAR PRODUCTION

| <u>Pears</u> | <i>x 1000 tons</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | <i>Country</i> | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>2010</i> | <i>2011</i> | <i>F2012</i> | <i>(1)</i> |
| Argentina | 530 | 749 | 739 | 723 | 895 | 770 | 843 | 827 | -2 | -1 |
| Australia | 151 | 142 | 135 | 130 | 127 | 107 | 130 | 124 | -4 | 2 |
| Chile | 201 | 196 | 194 | 189 | 176 | 170 | 195 | 191 | -2 | 6 |
| New Zeal | 13 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | -9 | -13 |
| South Afr | 316 | 324 | 359 | 342 | 366 | 356 | 362 | 368 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 1.211 | 1.423 | 1.436 | 1.393 | 1.577 | 1.414 | 1.541 | 1.521 | -1 | 1 |

(1) Percentage difference between F2012 and 2011

(2) Percentage difference between F2012 and the average of 2009 - 2010- 2011

| <i>Variety</i> | <i>x 1000 tons</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| | <i>2005</i> | <i>2006</i> | <i>2007</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>2010</i> | <i>2011</i> | <i>F2012</i> | <i>(1)</i> | <i>(2)</i> |
| Beurre Bosc | 41 | 38 | 40 | 35 | 36 | 34 | 36 | 36 | -1 | 2 |
| Forelle | 58 | 71 | 78 | 84 | 90 | 90 | 92 | 96 | 5 | 6 |
| Others | 294 | 380 | 337 | 341 | 397 | 374 | 335 | 339 | 1 | -8 |
| Packham's Trium | 402 | 460 | 487 | 480 | 528 | 488 | 518 | 508 | -2 | -1 |
| Williams BC / Bart | 415 | 474 | 494 | 454 | 526 | 429 | 560 | 542 | -3 | 7 |
| Total: | 1.211 | 1.423 | 1.436 | 1.393 | 1.577 | 1.414 | 1.541 | 1.521 | -1 | 1 |