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WAPA UPDATE ON SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE AND PEAR CROP FORECASTS

WAPA has updated its annual consolidated crop forecasts for the forthcoming southern hemisphere apple and pear seasons (see tables below). Following the climatic adverse conditions in Argentina, production data in this country has been adjusted downwards. Published data shows that the 2012 apple and pear Southern Hemisphere crops are expected to reach 5.457.000 MT and 1.391.000 MT, respectively. For apples, this represents a decrease of 3% on the 2011 crop; while forecasted export figures also decrease by 5% to 1.644.663 MT. For pears, the decrease is of 10% on the 2011 crop, while forecasted export figures are expected to be 15% lower at 655.960 MT. Data has been collected from industry groups in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa.

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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	869	-17	-6
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	5.457	-3	1

(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	1.790	-4	2
Golden Delicious	186	155	181	172	169	169	168	178	6	6
Granny Smith	919	807	843	856	837	786	871	860	-1	3
Red Delicious	1.370	1.177	1.152	1.078	1.025	843	1.141	984	-14	-2
Others	404	424	415	446	494	528	448	440	-2	-10
Total:	5.101	4.759	5.159	5.181	5.276	5.264	5.639	5.457	-3	1



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE PEAR PRODUCTION

Pears

x 1000 tons

Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	F2012	(1)	(2)
Argentina	530	749	739	723	895	770	843	697	-17	-17
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	1.391	-10	-8

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x 1000 tons

Variety	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	F2012	(1)	(2)
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	308	-8	-16
Packham's Trium	402	460	487	480	528	488	518	468	-10	-9
Williams BC / Bart	415	474	494	454	526	429	560	482	-14	-4
Total:	1.211	1.423	1.436	1.393	1.577	1.414	1.541	1.391	-10	-8