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WAPA RELEASES SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE AND PEAR CROP FORECASTS

Representatives of key apple and pear producing and exporting countries from around the world met on 6 February 2015 at the recent Fruit Logistica fair in Berlin for the annual general meeting of the World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA). During its annual meeting WAPA elected Mr. Daniel Sauvaitre (ANPP – France) as its new president replacing Peter Beaven (Pipfruit New Zealand – New Zealand) who chaired the association for the last two years. At the same occasion, Mr. Todd Fryhover (Washington Apple Commission – USA) was elected as the new vice-president of WAPA.

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 2015 apple and pear Southern Hemisphere crops are expected to reach 5.542.000 MT and 1.583.000 MT, respectively. For apples, this represents an increase of 5% on the 2014 crop; while forecasted export figures increase by 5% to 1.723.056 MT. For pears, an increase of 5% on the 2014 crop is recorded while forecasted export figures are expected to have decreased with 1% at 752.638 MT. However, it needs to be noted that the figures for Argentina are likely to change given heavy hail at the beginning of February 2015.

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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, newly elected, President of the Association is Daniel Sauvaitre of ANPP in France and Todd Fryhover is Vice-President from the Washington Apple Commission in the United States. WAPA membership includes the following countries and areas: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Scandinavia, Slovenia, South Africa, the UK and the USA.

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SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE PRODUCTION

Apples

x 1000 tons

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	F2015	(1)	(2)
Argentina	1.047	980	933	800	1.048	853	930	890	907	2	2
Australia	267	262	263	255	260	293	289	275	311	13	9
Brazil	993	983	1.053	1.226	1.250	1.184	1.063	1.165	1.234	6	8
Chile	1.732	1.770	1.811	1.755	1.784	1.806	1.755	1.667	1.678	1	-4
New Zealand	427	434	466	448	513	476	550	478	538	13	7
South Africa	689	749	747	775	768	813	907	794	874	10	4
Total	5.156	5.178	5.272	5.260	5.623	5.426	5.494	5.269	5.542	5	2

(1) Percentage difference between F2015 and 2014

(2) Percentage difference between F2015 and the average of 2012- 2013 - 2014

x 1000 tons

Variety	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	F2015	(1)	(2)
Braeburn	272	220	239	212	212	209	226	193	194	1	-7
Cripps pink	164	206	215	229	245	310	347	369	399	8	17
Fuji	636	629	643	729	689	794	686	781	794	2	5
Gala	1.496	1.574	1.654	1.768	1.862	1.738	1.784	1.751	1.852	6	5
Golden Delicious	181	172	169	169	166	210	232	159	175	10	-13
Granny Smith	843	856	837	786	868	825	754	667	743	11	-1
Red Delicious	1.152	1.078	1.025	843	1.140	941	976	863	850	-2	-8
Others	412	443	491	524	441	399	489	487	534	10	17
Total:	5.156	5.178	5.272	5.260	5.623	5.426	5.494	5.269	5.542	5	2



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE PEAR PRODUCTION

Pears

x 1000 tons

Country	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	F2015	(1)	(2)
Argentina	739	723	895	770	843	801	863	794	876	10	7
Australia	135	130	127	107	130	124	129	107	111	4	-7
Chile	194	189	176	170	195	191	201	170	196	15	5
New Zealand	9	9	12	11	11	9	12	10	13	30	26
South Africa	359	342	366	356	360	361	379	399	387	-3	2
Total	1.436	1.393	1.577	1.414	1.539	1.486	1.583	1.479	1.583	7	4

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x 1000 tons

Variety	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	F2015	(1)	(2)
Beurre Bosc	40	35	36	34	36	32	30	29	24	-18	-22
Forelle	78	84	90	90	91	94	99	104	101	-3	2
Packham's T	487	480	528	488	518	499	507	510	536	5	6
Williams BC	494	454	526	429	560	523	580	494	564	14	6
Others	337	341	397	374	334	339	368	342	358	5	2
Total:	1.436	1.393	1.577	1.414	1.539	1.486	1.583	1.479	1.583	7	4