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Chelmer Foods are specialists in the supply & distribution of dried & dehydrated fruits, edible nuts and seeds.

We offer a bespoke service to our clients, which encompasses precise product specifications, just-in-time deliveries, varying carton weights, own-label packaging, pre-packing the product for food-service and retail packing.

Exchange Rates



GBP – USD = 1.30
GBP – Euro = 1.17

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Hot Commodity News

California Almonds 2016 Objective Measurement:

The average yield per acre is estimated at 2,280 pounds per acre, which would be the 5th highest yield per acre. The estimate of 2.05 billion pounds would be the 2nd largest production California has ever had. Almond kernel weights are heavier by 3.5% than last year, which move mean sizes are slightly larger than last year.

Turkish hazelnuts exports reached 220.500 MT by the end of June 2016. Same time the year before this figure was around 192.000 MT (2014/2015) and the year before it was 232.000 MT (2013/2014).

Glace Cherries: Cherry production this season has been disastrous in Europe, heavy rains have and will increase the raw material prices, Bulgaria and Romania are willing to pay higher raw material prices for Cherries than Italian buyers pay to their farmers, which is unheard of.

California Walnuts: May shipments were 41,934 Inshell equivalent tons compared to 32,343 Inshell equivalent tons last year which means an increase of 30% (increased 9,591 Inshell tons). Year to Date Shipments are up over last year. Year to Date Shipments had an increase of +10% and YTD exports shipments are a +17% over last year. With the 75% of the season complete the industry has shipped 84% of the crop receipts to date. The Light market continues to strengthen as the shortage of LHP is slowly becoming unavailable. The Chandler market has seen some strengthening as well even availability is pretty much higher than Light colour. Experts are optimistic with the volume of the new crop saying that it will beat a new record crop again from 620.000mt to 660.000mt (602.000mt in 2015).



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Apricots



The harvest for the new crop of Turkish Apricots has not begun in the best fashion. Severe downpours in the Malatya region during the drying period has left a large amount of fruit damaged. The majority of the crop was on ground for drying and almost all regions have been affected by rain. Apricots will be dried again and this will increase the risk of fermentation.

Prices are at reasonable levels for all sizes and there will be enough availability for all sizes and products. For the 2015 crop, 82,000 mton of apricots have been exported at USD 4.200 (official average price).

Right now, price level is around USD 3.500 levels and if prices affect the annual consumption, then total sales may approach at least 100,000-110,000 mtons. At it stands, we do not expect any panic within the market but at the same time there should not be any decreasing trend on the following months.

Please see photos of the damages following the recent rains on the next page...

Almonds



California's 2016 almond production is forecast at **+2.05 billion pounds**, up 2.5% from May's subjective crop forecast and up 7.9% from last year's crop. The forecast is based on 900,000 bearing acres. Production for the nonpareil variety is forecast at 780 million meat pounds, up 7.4% from last year's deliveries. The Nonpareil variety represents 38% of California's total almond production. The 2016 California almonds crop began bloom in mid-February, after the winter provided better chill hours than last year.

Bloom conditions were good; bloom was reportedly fast and uniform. Precipitation this year was significantly better than in 2015. Many areas are still in drought, although trees showed signs of recovery from the last few years of insufficient water. The average nut set per tree is 6,159, up 4.9% from 2015. The Nonpareil average nut set of 5,583 is up 6.6% from last year's set of 5,239. The average kernel weight for all varieties sampled was 1.48 grams, up 3.5% from the 2015 average weight of 1.43 grams. The nonpareil average kernel weight was 1.65, up 2.5% from last year. A total of 98.8% of all nut sized were sound.

Pecan Nuts



The USDA released the final 2015 crop figures on July 6. They report 254 million pounds in US production versus 264 million pounds in 2014. This season's carry-in was 121 million pounds versus 172 million from last year. Imports have not been finalized yet but they are expected to be down 25 million pounds from last season. The reporting is mostly voluntary amongst the growers and shellers so we have yet to get a real read on consumption to date. Estimates from retailers have sales down roughly 20% over last season.

New crop is currently projected to be 272 million pounds. Weather will be a major determinant of yields. We should be reminded that the 2015 crop was shaping up well at this point in time last season before an untimely tropical storm swept through and damaged the crop. Reports of a bigger new crop are premature and are not motivating shellers to discount their high price inventory before they have to. Discounting prices before this November would simply have the shellers competing against themselves.

Photos of Apricots weather damages

