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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 = 1.32
GBP – Euro = 1.17

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Hot Commodity News

Figs

The committee which was appointed to establish the dried figs harvest of 2016-2017 season did their research between 8th – 18th of August. According to the research and observation of the committee if the weather conditions continue on general seasonal conditions, the dried fig harvest is expected to be 72.000 tons.

Greek Currants

Raw material price for Provincials expected to be EURO 0.9/kg to EURO1/kg. The upper end of this range is 25% higher than opening prices for 2015 crop and 10% higher than closing prices of 2015 crop. There is virtually no carryover from 2015 crop.



As a leading supplier to major UK manufacturers Chelmer Foods has constantly looked to diversify it's portfolio of products it can offer to customers. This portfolio now includes supplying Whole & Chopped Dates from BRC approved factories, whilst we are also seeing a huge upturn in the number of customers asking about our Date Paste.

Please visit our website to have a look at the full range of products that we can offer:

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Dates Update:

The new crop of Sayer Dates has been developed properly so far this year and no crop damages have been reported so far on the palms in southern province of Khuzestan. Farmers are hoping for high humidity weather condition for the next month which is vital for the Sates to fully ripen and to absorb & retain moisture.

The crop 2016 size can be described as a decent crop size as it might not be relatively large crop, however the favourable weather has helped developing and maximizing the crop. Due to high demand for Sayer Dates with pits during Ramadan and Prior to it in Muslim countries and an emerging demand from Turkey on the pitted Sayer Dates mainly for retail packed / Processed goods, it is predicted that the carry forwarded goods will be close to zero. The price of the Sayer

Dates took a big hike by mid spring 2016 and before Ramadan which reached the level of 50% higher than the start of season prices. The new crop is predicted to be opened with prices relatively higher in comparison to the same period last year which reflects the high market demand and current shortage of sound quality dates in various grades. Many of farmers are now contracted with bigger processor and exporters and are paid in advance. The process of advance purchase normally happens in the years where a good demand and sales is expected for the Sayer Dates. Assuming everything is in order, mid-September harvest is expected and it will only takes few weeks before the goods are delivered to the plants, pitted and processed and shipped out by early October 2016.

Pumpkin Seed Update:

Current crop is steady with enough supply to see us through to new crop in October. The crops in China for all varieties is developing well and we hear from packers in the North West and the North East that the crop sizes will be very good, if the weather remains as favourable as it is.

Plantings for new crop all grades are good, a little up on last years – all depends on the weather in the coming 6 weeks.

Harvest will start in some areas in the North West Provinces such as Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia in early / mid September. Market prices remain stable and very low, close to the bottom of what is supposed to be cost price level for Chinese farmers.

Hazelnuts Update:

As the harvest continues and collection from higher altitudes increases its becoming ever more clear that the 'drop' of nuts and those with empty shells is higher than first estimated. Usually empty shells and premature drop of 10% is expected and taken into account when estimating the new crop. It seems however that this season these percentages are increasing, (for no apparent reason). Having already reduced the exporters union estimate of 587,000 mt in shell to 550,000 mt in shell, at the beginning of the harvest, it is now thought to be lower again, exactly where is unclear but somewhere between 550 – 500,000mt.

The emergence of a smaller new crop, combined with the ever hardening attitude of Turkish farmers not to sell, looks likely to lead to another difficult season.