

## About Us



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 = 1.21  
GBP – Euro = 1.10

## Featured Products

Pumpkin  
Prunes  
Walnuts

## Hot Commodity News

### Almonds:

Almond position report is published, September shipments +41% compared with last year.

Year to date shipment +38%.

Together with the fact that Spanish almond crop is coming in much smaller than last year, you will see prices firming, till further notice. Crop forecast is still between 2.05-2.1 bln lbs., an increase of the crop of 8,4%.

### Banana Chips:

El Nino in Philippines has badly affected the crop. Pricing has risen significantly since August and lead-times for shipments have been increased meaning a serious tightening of stocks. The situation looks unlikely to ease until the new year.



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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## Pumpkin



### Pumpkin Market China

Current market situation is still difficult for the processors and the farmers. Many people hoped for a better market when new crop material was ready to ship. But with the current situation we see many people holding off. Last season there was a lot of speculation because many local traders had purchased good volumes of raw seeds from the farmers to make some money later on in the season. At the moment there are no traders who want to take this risk again, so no traders keep stock of the raw seeds. This means that the raw material is easy to get for the processors. For inquiries they need to fulfill they can easily buy directly from the farmers. As the local farmers are not business men (like the local traders), they will sell easy for minimal profits. This situation without any speculations or people who are holding stocks has made the market increase from the start of 2016 crop.

## Prunes



### Prunes Update

#### USA

The California dried plum crop has been announced as 45,000 short tons, down 58% from the 2015 crop of 107,00 tons. This could mean the lowest ever recorded since 1920. California experienced cold, wet and windy weather including storms during the bloom in March. Adverse condition for bees during the pollination period is a major reason for the low estimation.

Between America, Chile and Argentina the crop is estimated at 111,000 metric tons and 7% lower than last year.

World supply of prunes is estimated at 240,000 metric tons which will continue to be below the 260,000 metric tons demand and market prices are likely to increase as a result.

## Walnuts



### Walnuts Market

#### USA

The shipment figures for the month of September were announced in California and they were very strong.

Shipments for both September and for the season are up 54% compared to last year.

Chandler is a late variety and is still being harvested and some bad weather can be expected.

Now that SIAL in Paris is on this week, packers will want to hear from their buyers first what their feelings are with the prices of today, in order to decide whether to commit themselves already to more business or not just yet.

The crop is still expected to be around 670.000 metric tonnes and the quality is reported up till now as excellent.