

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 = 1.24
GBP – Euro = 1.17

Featured Products

Californian Raisins
Pumpkin Seeds
Almonds

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Hot Commodity News

Banana Chips:

Prices have been softening in the last few weeks due to raw material availability supply issues easing. There was the potential to fall further but high price of coconut oil, what the banana is fried in, have stemmed the prices from falling further

Coconut:

The market is extremely expensive at the moment, with most importers and end users buying on a hand to mouth basis. Traditional companies who have booked far forward simply cannot stomach these price levels and will undoubtedly buoy the market when any sign of weakness is shown. Difficult times ahead for all coconut products.

Currants:

Finding available offers from reputable Greek suppliers is proving to be difficult in an ever challenging crop year. South African Currants may offer some relief to customers who can change origin with ease but pricing will still be high compared to previous couple of years.

Dehydrated Mango:

The small crop from October/November is close to being sold out with prices forward high compared to this time last year. Relief is ahead with the traditionally larger crop due in April/May, whether prices therefore ease remains to be seen.



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

www.chelmerfoods.com

Californian Raisins

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Almonds



The California Raisins industry is continuing to shrink in size. Acreage began to be removed from production in the early years of the 21st Century. Economic downturn during these early years began the transition from a Wine and Grape region to Nut Region.

The pullouts that we see today are more traditional raisin growers making the decision based on the continued drop in the raisin field price and increased cost. It is now much easier for growers to make that decision remove the vines and replace them with higher return crops like Almonds, Walnuts and Pistachios.

The raisin industry has not really felt the impact of the pullouts yet because the industry continues to carry inventory equal to about 6 months of sales. This surplus is helping to soften the impact of the pullouts this year and into next year. We definitely will see the end of big carryout and will see dramatic price changes in the 2018 crop and sooner.

Pumpkin market remains at very low levels for both GWS and Shine skin varieties for both conventional and organic.

There are still very good stocks available in the farmers hands and most exporters/processors are only buying when they have new orders in their hands.

However overall the general feeling is that prices are near the bottom now and with the Spring plantings in April/May 2017 expected to be down from last year due to the low returns that farmers are getting this year it is thought they will plant other crops such as corn and other cereal crops. Thus meaning we could/should see a gradual increase as stocks gradually decline through the Summer months.

As reported widely on international news areas of California which have experienced heavy droughts in the last few years are now recording record rainfall.

The problem with this record rainfall is the bloom of almonds is in full flow and coupled with high winds the bloom will undoubtedly be affected.

The affect of this rainfall has already been seen with prices starting to firm for both spot and forward enquiries.

Prior to this point Almonds were experiencing a very healthy sales year with exports from California up year on year for January.

Shipments in January of this year were 165.796.614 lbs. total against 129.235.948 last year.

As mentioned in the Californian Raisins section acreage dedicated to growing almonds is increasing year on year. With a tree taking 5 years before being able to be harvested.