

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.

Hot Commodity News

Pecans: The market has been relatively stable for the last couple of weeks with offers readily available and demand easing off. For the coming months we expect pricing to remain fairly stable with only currency being the main price driver.

Packers took position of in-shell kernels in January when reports spread about limited quantity, which now seems slightly unfounded. Demand typically picks up for September to December usage and we expect pricing to follow last year's trend of increasing during this period.

Banana Chips: Availability of Green Bananas has made a good recovery over the last month or so. The weather at the moment is as expected for this time of year with temperatures in excess of 30 degrees Celsius. So everything pointing forward suggests that pricing will ease.

Coconut Chips: Sri Lankan pricing has jumped up massively in the last 3 months due to a massive shortage of raw material availability. Pricing is now way over and above that of Philippine material, which is traditionally the most expensive origin. Pricing is not expected to ease until September/October this year at the earliest.

Exchange Rates



GBP – USD = 1.28

GBP – Euro = 1.18

Featured Products

California Raisins

Pumpkin Seeds

Almonds

W/C 24th April 2017



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

www.chelmerfoods.com

California Raisins

Pumpkin

Almonds



The RAC March 2017 shipment report of Natural (sun-dried) Seedless (NS) Raisins shows that domestic shipments (including Canada) were 17,116 packed tons, compared to 15,457 tons in 2016 (11%). Year-to-date domestic shipments are 129,838 packed tons compared to 129,672 tons at this time in 2016 (0%).

NS export shipments (without Canada) for March 2017 were 10,506 packed tons, compared to 7,233 tons in 2016 (45%). YTD export shipments are 72,365 packed tons, compared to 63,367 tons a year ago, an increase of 14%.

NS shipments to all destinations year-to-date are 202,202 packed tons, compared to 193,038 packed tons for last year (+5%).

California's 2016 grape acreage totalled 897,000 acres. Of the total grape acreage, 841,000 were bearing while 56,000 were non-bearing. Acreage of raisin-type grapes totalled 172,000 acres, of which 170,000 were bearing and 2,000 were non-bearing.

The current availability for conventional pumpkin is still ok with enough supply but for organic product supplies are starting to dry up. New crop will be available in October 2017 – plantings are now being made in most growing areas / provinces such as Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, Jilin and Heilongjiang.

In the North West overall it seems that in Inner Mongolia the acres planted will be approximately the same as last year despite the lower prices as farmers don't really have many alternatives but in Xinjiang farmers in the northern areas can grow cereals/ beans etc. to the better soil.

In the North East in Jilin and Heilongjiang plantings are a bit later - in early / mid May – general expectations are that plantings will be similar or slightly down from last year. Also they are not plantings GWS variety anymore due to its unsuitability. Overall it looks like the plantings will be similar or a little down from last year and the actual crop size/yields will depend on the weather in the coming 4/5 months

All markets seem quiet at the moment.

All eyes will be on the Acreage Report on April 26th, when the growers hope for less than the 1,000,000 bearing acres number used in the Terra Nova / GLM Crop Estimate...

What we already know:

Year to date shipments: 1.447 billion pounds, an increase of 25.5% compared with last year. Crop receipts: 2.13 billion pounds, an increase of almost 13% compared to last year. Sales: More than 135 million pounds. Total supplies (Crop and Carry In) are now approx. 75% sold, current crop itself is for 90% sold.

Crop expectations: The crop looks very good. Water supply will not be a problem this year. Due to heavy rain fall, all reservoirs are filled. An increase of 5% is expected, compared with last year.

Shipments will continue very strong for the time being, and the prices of other tree nuts will promote almond use, especially in the snack sector.