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Morocco

Citrus Semi-annual

Berkane Regains Market Access to the United States

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Report Highlights:

Following the annual report, improved climatic conditions greatly improved Morocco's production and export outlook for MY 2017/18, Morocco's Berkane region regained market access to the United States, and Morocco updated its export subsidy program, albeit with only minor changes for citrus.

Crop Update:

Citrus production for MY 2017/18 greatly benefited from improved climatic conditions following early season drought. Thus, Post adjusts the tangerine/mandarin forecast higher from 1.0 MMT to 1.2 MMT with exports raised from 420,000 MT to 520,000 MT. Meanwhile, orange production is increased from 0.9 MMT to 1.0 MMT with exports moved up from 100,000 MT to 160,000 MT. Changes in the orange balance sheet flowed through to orange juice. Post has no changes for the lemons/limes balance sheet.

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh

HS-080520, 080521, 080522, 080529

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh	2015/2016		2016/2017		2017/2018	
	Oct 2015		Sep 2016		Sep 2017	
Market Begin Year	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Morocco						
Area Planted	62,181	62,181	63,420	63,420	64,516	64,516
Area Harvested	50,100	50,100	55,167	55,167	57,321	57,321
Bearing Trees	19,700	19,700	19,800	19,800	19,850	19,850
Non-Bearing Trees	6,610	6,610	6,730	6,730	6,750	6,750
Total No. Of Trees	26,310	26,310	26,530	26,530	26,600	26,600
Production	1,065	1,065	1,278	1,278	1,020	1,200
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,065	1,065	1,278	1,278	1,020	1,214
Exports	465	465	515	515	420	520
Fresh Dom. Consumption	600	600	763	763	600	680
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	1,065	1,065	1,278	1,278	1,020	1,200
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Oranges, Fresh

HS-080510

Oranges, Fresh	2015/2016		2016/2017		2017/2018	
	Oct 2015		Oct 2016		Oct 2017	
Market Begin Year	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Morocco						
Area Planted	55,804	55,804	57,040	57,040	57,255	57,255
Area Harvested	50,100	50,100	52,185	52,185	52,750	52,750
Bearing Trees	16,850	16,850	16,900	16,900	16,950	16,950
Non-Bearing Trees	1,540	1,540	1,585	1,585	1,590	1,590
Total No. Of Trees	18,390	18,390	18,485	18,485	18,540	18,540
Production	925	925	1,037	1,037	935	1,025
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	925	925	1,037	1,037	935	1,025
Exports	89	89	163	165	100	160
Fresh Dom. Consumption	811	811	824	822	800	815
For Processing	25	25	50	50	35	50
Total Distribution	925	925	1,037	1,037	935	1,025
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Orange Juice (65° brix basis)

HS-200911, 200912, 200919

Orange Juice	2015/2016		2016/2017		2017/2018	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2015		Oct 2016		Oct 2017	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Deliv. To Processors	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	35,000	50,000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	3,500	5,000
Imports	3,213	3,213	3,082	3,082	3,100	2,700
Total Supply	5,713	5,713	8,082	8,082	6,600	7,700
Exports	2,906	2,906	3,782	3,782	3,000	3,600
Domestic Consumption	2,807	2,807	4,300	4,300	3,600	4,100
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	5,713	5,713	8,082	8,082	6,600	7,700

(MT)

Lemons/Limes, Fresh

HS-080550

Lemons/Limes, Fresh	2015/2016		2016/2017		2017/2018	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2015		Oct 2016		Oct 2017	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	3,750	3,750	3,820	3,820	3,910	3,910
Area Harvested	2,920	2,920	2,950	2,950	2,980	2,980
Bearing Trees	1,550	1,550	1,560	1,560	1,570	1,570
Non0Bearing Trees	335	335	375	375	385	385
Total No. Of Trees	1,885	1,885	1,935	1,935	1,955	1,955
Production	35	35	40	40	36	36
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	35	35	40	40	36	36
Exports	9	9	13	13	9	9
Fresh Dom. Consumption	26	26	27	27	27	27
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	35	35	40	40	36	36

(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)

Policy Update:

On January 12, 2018, APHIS lifted the import prohibition on citrus produced in, moved through, or shipped from the Berkane region.

On May 3, 2018, Morocco published [Joint Order #3284-17](#) on agricultural export subsidies. Citrus support was unchanged following the expiration of time-limited subsidies directed toward Ukraine, China, and the Arab Gulf countries, September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2017.

Destination	Subsidy	Eligible Volumes
Russia	50 Dhs/MT	Total quantity exported
	150 Dhs/MT	Quantity exported in excess of average marketing year exports from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013
Other than Russia and the EU	500 Dhs/MT	Quantity exported from September 1, 2017, in excess of September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001

Source: MinAg