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Report Name: Citrus Semi-annual

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Post: Rabat

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Report Highlights:

Moroccan MY 2020/21 citrus production has benefitted from improved weather and consistent rain. However, Post's production estimates remain unchanged, based on no new official Moroccan production data. Moroccan citrus exporters report they face competition from Egypt, Turkey, and Spain. Post has revised down MY 2020/21 export figures for fresh oranges and lemons/limes in response to strong domestic sales. Post adjusted trade numbers for tangerines/mandarins and oranges in MY 2019/20 based on final data from Morocco's office des changes.

Production Update:

FAS estimates for oranges, lemons, mandarins, and orange juice remain unchanged. This reflects Ministry of Agriculture estimates, which have not been updated since the last Annual Citrus report. Industry does not report any major events that would predicate a revision to estimates at this time.

Weather conditions in Morocco have remained cool and wet, a contrast from drought conditions and heat stress during the last two production seasons, especially during the flowering period. As a result, Post will continue to base its estimate on the assumption of “normal/favorable conditions.”

Trade Update:

Citrus industry estimates suggest that fresh orange and fresh lemon/lime exports are slightly lower in MY 2020/21 than MY 2019/20. Although the shipping season is not yet finished for oranges, Post’s MY 2020/21 export estimate for fresh oranges and lemons/limes is revised down reflecting strong local demand and competition from Egypt, Turkey, and Spain.

Post adjusted trade numbers up for fresh tangerines/mandarins and fresh oranges in MY 2019/20 based on final data received from Morocco’s office des changes.

There are no official reports or updates on orange juice trade figures. Industry contacts report that exports are expected to remain unchanged.

Policy:

The National Institute for Agricultural Research ([INRA](#)) is developing new early and late harvest varieties to support a prolonged production season, thus supplying markets for longer periods of time and helping Morocco remain competitive in international markets. INRA launched a call for tenders on May 25, 2021, for nurseries to produce cultivars resulting from this research. The varieties are:

Tangarine\Mandarin: -Mahdia
-Gharbaouia
-Maamora
-Triploid Hana
-Triploid Aya
-Mabrouka

Orange: -Chamsia

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh

HS-080520, 080521, 080522, 080529

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh	2018/2019		2019/2020		2020/2021	
Market Year Begins	Sep 2018		Sep 2019		Sep 2020	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (HECTARES)	64,995	64,995	65,311	65,311	65,515	65,515
Area Harvested (HECTARES)	58,673	58,673	58,772	58,772	58,850	58,850
Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	19,900	19,900	19,950	19,950	19,975	19,975
Non-Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800
Total No. Of Trees (1000 TREES)	26,700	26,700	26,750	26,750	26,775	26,775
Production (1000 MT)	1,375	1,375	926	926	1,205	1,205
Imports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	1,375	1,375	926	926	1,205	1,205
Exports (1000 MT)	623	623	397	411	500	500
Fresh Dom. Consumption (1000 MT)	752	752	529	515	705	705
For Processing (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	1,375	1,375	926	926	1,205	1,205
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Oranges, Fresh

HS-080510

Oranges, Fresh	2018/2019		2019/2020		2020/2021	
Market Year Begins	Oct 2018		Oct 2019		Oct 2020	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (HECTARES)	58,437	58,437	58,679	58,679	58,850	58,850
Area Harvested (HECTARES)	54,938	54,938	55,350	55,350	55,405	55,405
Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	17,000	17,000	17,100	17,100	17,150	17,150
Non-Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	1,595	1,595	1,602	1,602	1,615	1,615
Total No. Of Trees (1000 TREES)	18,595	18,595	18,702	18,702	18,765	18,765
Production (1000 MT)	1,183	1,183	806	806	1,100	1,100
Imports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	1,183	1,183	806	806	1,100	1,100
Exports (1000 MT)	155	155	108	117	150	120
Fresh Dom. Consumption (1000 MT)	968	968	663	654	900	930
For Processing (1000 MT)	60	60	35	35	50	50
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	1,183	1,183	806	806	1,100	1,100
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Orange Juice (65° brix basis)

HS-200911, 200912, 200919

Orange Juice	2018/2019		2019/2020		2020/2021	
Market Year Begins	Oct 2018		Oct 2019		Oct 2020	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Deliv. To Processors (MT)	60,000	60,000	35,000	35,000	50,000	50,000
Beginning Stocks (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production (MT)	6,000	6,000	3,500	3,500	5,000	5,000
Imports (MT)	2,379	2,379	1,687	1,687	2,000	2,000
Total Supply (MT)	8,379	8,379	5,187	5,187	7,000	7,000
Exports (MT)	4,283	4,283	2,056	2,056	3,000	3,000
Domestic Consumption (MT)	4,096	4,096	3,131	3,131	4,000	4,000
Ending Stocks (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution (MT)	8,379	8,379	5,187	5,187	7,000	7,000
(MT)						

Lemons/Limes, Fresh

HS-080550

Lemons/Limes, Fresh	2018/2019		2019/2020		2020/2021	
Market Year Begins	Oct 2018		Oct 2019		Oct 2020	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (HECTARES)	3,969	3,969	3,983	3,983	3,995	3,995
Area Harvested (HECTARES)	3,044	3,044	3,095	3,095	3,100	3,100
Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,650	1,675	1,675
Non-Bearing Trees (1000 TREES)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. Of Trees (1000 TREES)	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,650	1,675	1,675
Production (1000 MT)	45	45	43	43	44	44
Imports (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply (1000 MT)	45	45	43	43	44	44
Exports (1000 MT)	15	15	17	17	18	15
Fresh Dom. Consumption (1000 MT)	30	30	26	26	26	29
For Processing (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	45	45	43	43	44	44
(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)						

Attachments:

No Attachments