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Fresh Deciduous Fruit

Apples and Pears - Semi-Annual

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Report Highlights: The 1999/2000 apple and pear crops in Belgium/Luxembourg are estimated at 562,382 metric tons and 163,320 metric tons, respectively. Compared to 1998, total apple production in 1999 increased by 34 percent and pear production rose 8 percent. The overall quality of the 1999 apples is considered good.

Includes PSD changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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Fresh Apples

PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Fresh Apples			(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)		
	Revised	1997	Preliminary	1998	Forecast	1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Planted	10400	10400	9606	9606	9600	9600
Area Harvested	10400	10400	9606	9606	9600	9600
Bearing Trees	18143	18143	18862	18862	18900	18900
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	18143	18143	18862	18862	18900	18900
Commercial Production	372735	372735	413730	413730	473485	558382
Non-Comm. Production	420	420	7000	7000	4000	4000
TOTAL Production	373155	373155	420730	420730	477485	562382
TOTAL Imports	249087	249087	200000	232277	145000	120000
TOTAL SUPPLY	622242	622242	620730	653007	622485	682382
Domestic Fresh Consump	215728	215728	237975	201335	242485	210382
Exports, Fresh Only	301666	301666	240000	313917	250000	310000
For Processing	100000	100000	130000	125000	130000	150000
Withdrawal From Market	4848	4848	12755	12755	0	12000
TOTAL UTILIZATION	622242	622242	620730	653007	622485	682382

Note: Specific data on bearing and non-bearing trees is not available.

Production

BELGIUM - APPLE PRODUCTION (metric tons)			
	1997	1998	1999 (Revised)
TALL TREES (sub total)	525	700	1,085
Boskoop	350	455	810
other	175	245	255
DWARF TREES (sub total)	368,710	406,030	549,320
Golden Delicious	34,500	40,500	49,500
Jonagold	218,400	221,000	290,500
Jonagored	35,200	52,380	73,500
Boskoop	24,750	29,700	60,800
Cox Orange	11,210	11,800	13,750
Gloster	8,970	8,760	11,050
Elstar	18,000	19,600	23,220
James Grieve	1,530	1,700	2,000
Other	16,150	20,500	25,000
TOTAL APPLES	369,235	406,730	550,385

Source: Belgian Ministry of Agriculture

LUXEMBOURG - APPLE PRODUCTION (metric tons)			
	1997	1998	1999 (Prelim)
TOTAL APPLES	3,920	10,500	12,000
Commercialized	3,500	7,000	8,000

Source: Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture - STATEC

Trade

Matrix MY 1998 and 1999

BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG: APPLE EXPORTS BY COUNTRY (metric tons)			
Country of Destination	MY June/July 1997/98	Country	MY June/July 1998/99
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
FRANCE	27268	FRANCE	28310
NETHERLANDS	77078	NETHERLANDS	78278
GERMANY	148322	GERMANY	145139
UK	11874	UK	7790
RUSSIA	26840	RUSSIA	21899
Others not listed	10284	Others not listed	32501
Grand Total	301666	Grand Total	313917

Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade

BELGIUM & LUXEMBOURG: APPLES IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (metric tons)			
Country of Origin	MY June/July 1997/98	Country of Origin	MY June/July 1998/99
U.S.	0	U.S.	537
FRANCE	55708	FRANCE	35373
NETHERLANDS	25530	NETHERLANDS	34459
GERMANY	6947	GERMANY	6904
ITALY	13630	ITALY	5586
SOUTH AFRICA	22122	SOUTH AFRICA	23641
NEW-ZEALAND	75689	NEW ZEALAND	63353
CHILI	20619	CHILI	20886
ARGENTINA	26282	ARGENTINA	25655
Others Not Listed	2560	Others Not Listed	15883
Grand Total	249087	Grand Total	232277

*Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade**Note: National statistical data in the trade matrixes related to "other" may include a substantial amount of apples in storage. The origin of these apples is not known.*

Fresh Pears

PSD Table

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Fresh Pears			(HA)(1000 TREES)(MT)		
	Revised	1997	Preliminary	1998	Forecast	1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1997		07/1998		07/1999
Area Planted	4468	4468	5070	5070	5200	5200
Area Harvested	4468	4468	5070	5070	5100	5100
Bearing Trees	6504	6504	7555	7555	7700	7700
Non-Bearing Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Trees	6504	6504	7555	7555	7700	7700
Commercial Production	130920	130920	151485	151485	155000	161920
Non-Comm. Production	140	140	1175	1175	1300	1300
TOTAL Production	131060	131060	152660	152660	156300	163220
TOTAL Imports	91328	91328	85000	74321	80000	70000
TOTAL SUPPLY	222388	222388	237660	226981	236300	233220
Domestic Fresh Consump	41092	41092	48023	46430	48000	49920
Exports, Fresh Only	173197	173197	175000	165914	175000	170000
For Processing	7000	7000	14000	14000	13000	13000
Withdrawal From Market	1099	1099	637	637	300	300
TOTAL UTILIZATION	222388	222388	237660	226981	236300	233220

Note: Specific data on bearing and non-bearing trees is not available.

Production

BELGIUM PEAR PRODUCTION (metric tons)			
	1997	1998	1999 (revised)
TALL TREES (sub total)	200	275	430
Legipont	80	110	170
Other	120	165	260
DWARF TREES (sub total)	130,060	150,410	162,290
Conference	110,250	117,500	142,100
Doyenne du Comice	9,100	19,110	8,325
Durondeau	8,100	10,350	9,345
Beurre Hardy	800	1,360	640
Triomphe	1,040	1,040	1,040
Other	770	1,050	840
TOTAL PEARS	130,260	150,585	162,720

Source: Belgian Ministry of Agriculture

LUXEMBOURG PEAR PRODUCTION (Metric Tons)			
	1997	1998	1999
TOTAL PEARS	800	2,075	2,500 (prelim)
(Commercialised)	600	900	1,200

Source: Luxembourg Ministry of Agriculture - STATEC

Trade

Matrix MY 1997/98 and 1998/99

BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG PEAR EXPORTS: BY DESTINATION			
(Metric Tons)			
Country of Destination	MY June/July 1997/98	Country of Destination	MY June/July 1998/99
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
FRANCE	24779	FRANCE	28189
NETHERLANDS	33548	NETHERLANDS	37053
GERMANY	43528	GERMANY	41542
ITALY	4125	ITALY	4105
UK	21651	UK	19106
DENMARK	2533	DENMARK	2501
NORWAY	6657	NORWAY	7193
SPAIN	2856	SPAIN	3015
RUSSIA	21963	RUSSIA	8023
Others not Listed	10557	Others not Listed	15188
Grand Total	173197	Grand Total	165915

BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG PEAR IMPORTS: BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (Metric Tons)			
Country of Origin	MY June/July 1997/98	Country of Origin	MY June/July 1998/99
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
FRANCE	6442	FRANCE	6510
NETHERLANDS	7808	NETHERLANDS	7805
SPAIN	9024	SPAIN	2081
ITALY	1121	ITALY	1191
ARGENTINA	26013	ARGENTINA	28998
SOUTH AFRICA	21636	SOUTH AFRICA	14899
CHILI	15437	CHILI	10275
NEW ZEALAND	542	NEW ZEALAND	882
Others not Listed	3305	Others not Listed	1680
Grand Total	91328	Grand Total	74321

Source: Belgian Office for Foreign Trade

Note: BLEU official trade data are edited by the Belgian Office for Foreign Trade (BOFT) and are based on statistical data received from the National Bank of Belgium (NBB). NBB/BOFT advised that since early 1998 they have changed the compilation of statistical data and now include transit movements within the EU in all trade data (imports and exports). Please take this into consideration when comparing.