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### Apples

Sales prices for bi-colored Chilean apples were higher in Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland this week than in the previous season. In the U.S., placements varied depending on the type of formated used, with similar prices year-on-year for trays and bags of less than three pounds. In Europe, sales prices were slightly lower than during the 2013 season.

### Kiwifruit

There was low availability of Italian and Californian kiwifruit in different markets, while the Chilean season began with lower volumes year-on-year.

### Pears

In Europe, import pear demand remained limited and the supply of local fruit continued to lead sales, with much lower prices.

### Stonefruit

Plum supply was reduced in both the U.S. and Europe, as the Chilean campaign drew to a close with higher prices year-on-year.

### Table Grapes

The Chilean table grape season in the U.S. and Europe is finishing up, with a slow reduction in arriavl volumes for different varieties. Meanwhile, in the Far East the first peak in arrivals was registered.



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