

The World Apple and Pear Association ([WAPA](#)) has forecast apple and pear crops to drop slightly for 2020 compared to last season in the Southern Hemisphere. Predictions reflect the "consequences of climatic havocs" that have impacted production this year, outlines the report released this Monday.

Countries in the hemisphere - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa - expect relatively stable but slightly lower apple and pear production as compared to 2019. Industry bodies across the hemisphere expect apple crop to reach 5m metric tons (MT) and pear crop to hit 1.3mMT.

While weather difficulties affected production, the association expects apple exports to remain stable at 1.725m metric tons (MT). Exports of pears from the region will likely dip by 2% from last year, coming in at 691,660MT.

Apple production

What this means for the apple industry is a small year-on-year decrease of 1%. Notably, only two countries in the region are forecast to see fewer apples for 2020 - Australia and Chile - while in comparison, WAPA expects that all other producing countries will remain stable or increase in production.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE PRODUCTION

Apples		x 1000 tons											
Country	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	F2020	(1)	(2)	
Argentina	920	840	776	744	760	774	545	557	550	550	0	0	
Australia	260	293	289	275	309	301	306	292	288	255	-11	-14	
Brazil	1,250	1,184	1,063	1,165	1,145	826	1,329	1,094	1,101	1,150	4	-2	
Chile	1,784	1,806	1,746	1,670	1,708	1,635	1,675	1,761	1,665	1,540	-8	-9	
New Zealand	513	476	550	478	554	539	506	576	554	586	6	8	
South Africa	768	813	907	794	924	902	940	884	878	922	5	2	
Total	5,495	5,412	5,331	5,126	5,400	4,977	5,300	5,165	5,035	5,003	-1	-3	

(1) Percentage difference between F2020 and 2019

(2) Percentage difference between F2020 and the average of 2017-2018-2019

Of the countries in the region, Australia saw the most significant decline in production - with a forecast 11% decrease in apple volumes from last season. Chile will also likely experience a decrease in crops of about 8% year-on-year.

New Zealand apple production, in contrast, is actually expected to rise 6% from 2019. All other countries in the Southern Hemisphere will probably remain stable in production or increase - like, for example, South Africa and Brazil who expect 5% and 4% increases respectively.

Pears in the region

As for the pear industry, WAPA forecast a drop of 3% in crop compared to 2019. Pear industries in the region were more universally effected by poor conditions as all countries across the Southern Hemisphere anticipate lower volumes than in 2019.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE PEAR PRODUCTION

Pears											x 1000 tons	
Country	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	F2020	(1)	(2)
Argentina	731	743	801	702	782	815	578	579	600	588	-2	0
Australia	130	124	129	107	104	100	102	105	94	93	-1	-7
Chile	194	189	200	170	188	177	149	185	193	178	-7	2
New Zealand	11	9	12	10	12	12	11	14	12	11	-12	-13
South Africa	360	361	379	399	415	432	436	423	411	406	-1	-4
Total	1.427	1.426	1.521	1.388	1.500	1.535	1.276	1.305	1.310	1.276	-3	-2

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Rather than seeing an increase in crop like with its apples, New Zealand is forecast 12% down in pear production from last year. Australia and South Africa will see the least impacted pear figures, both declining by 1% in volumes year-on-year.

Shown below are WAPA figures on the specific apple and pear varieties in production across time.

x 1000 tons

Variety	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	F2020	(1)	(2)
Braeburn	212	209	165	135	142	126	119	122	104	93	-11	-19
Cripps pink	245	339	364	362	429	396	385	408	398	389	-2	-2
Fuji	689	708	672	749	700	636	941	676	774	729	-6	-9
Gala	1.892	1.835	1.845	1.796	1.984	1.746	1.968	2.096	1.931	1.959	1	-2
Golden Delicious	166	210	232	159	232	224	234	215	206	216	4	-1
Granny Smith	805	663	650	582	579	534	507	476	465	448	-4	-7
Red Delicious	960	902	819	770	810	824	669	664	642	627	-2	-5
Others	527	547	585	572	523	492	477	507	514	542	6	9
Total:	5.495	5.412	5.331	5.126	5.400	4.977	5.300	5.165	5.035	5.003	-1	-3

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Beurre Bos c	38	32	38	33	30	13	13	13	13	12	-5	-7
Forelle	101	107	115	120	132	139	110	113	107	106	-2	-4
Packham's T	498	489	513	436	505	526	439	450	455	445	-2	-1
Williams BC	491	487	519	488	478	490	383	387	391	376	-4	-3
Others	298	312	336	309	354	367	331	342	344	337	-2	0
Total:	1.427	1.426	1.521	1.388	1.500	1.535	1.276	1.305	1.310	1.276	-3	-2

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Statistics and tables from [The World Apple and Pear Association](http://www.worldappleandpear.org/).