


Market situation in the Northern Hemisphere, week 12 — 2012 (Mar. 23)

Apples

In North America, the U.S. remained under pressure due to the high stock of domestic Gala.

In Latin America, U.S. Royal Galas dominated the Mexican market. In Colombia Royal Gala trading was stable.

In Europe, the off shore Gala season has started to establish itself as the domestic season nears its end. 

In the Middle East, Saudi Arabia's main supply of Red Delicious was from the U.S., however, supply for Royal Gala was transferring to the Southern Hemisphere.

Avocados

In North America, Mexican supply dominated the U.S. market and Chilean avocados registered a price rise.

In Latin America, there was a higher domestic supply in Argentina against reduced Chilean Hass imports.

In Europe, low volumes arrived from Israel and Spain in the U.K. market.

Blueberries

In North America, the U.S. market was still favorable for the last lots of Chilean fruit in good condition and prices rose for a case of 6oz.

In Europe, the market moved towards Moroccan and Spanish supply with both origins in low supply. Chilean volumes were also low with condition problems on arrival.

Kiwifruit

In North America, Italian and domestic kiwifruit supplied the U.S. market and Chilean fruit arrived in low volumes.

In Latin America, the season of European kiwifruit was over in Brazil, while Chilean supply was trading slowly in Colombia.

Pears

In North America, active sales of Argentine Williams pears in the U.S. continued.

In Latin America, the Brazilian market remained stable and dominated by Argentine supply, while Chilean pear volumes have pressured the Colombian market.

In Europe, slow Southern Hemisphere supply was compatible with current sales activity.

Pomegranates

In Europe, Indian fruit mostly supplied northern Europe and the U.K. with scarce lots from Peru and Chile.

Stonefruit

In North America, sales of peaches and nectarines were fast in both the U.S. and Mexico due to low availability.

In Latin America, nectarine consumption decreased and the peach season finished in Brazil.

In Europe, the Belgian market reported slow plum trading which resulted in price adjustments.

Table Grapes

In North America, favorable trading continued in the U.S.

In Latin America, consumption of imported grapes continued to be favorable and Mexico reported good Red Globe sales pace.

In Europe, condition problems increased due to low inventory rotation.

In the Middle East, South African supply dominated the market and registered good trading.

In Asia, all table grape varieties reported active sales in Hong Kong and mainland China.

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