



Pacific Coast Producers CROP REPORT

PEACHES

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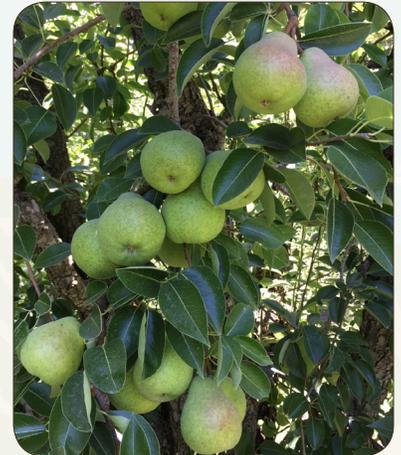
Late harvest is just about to the halfway point in the Modesto/Madera area. We are starting to see a little more overripe at the tail end of the Ross variety, but it has not been as bad as others are seeing. Lack of adequate labor is contributing to fruit not getting off the tree when ready.

In the North, we have picked 69% of the Ross variety. Growers are about two days behind in their picking because of short labor, and we are seeing more bruised and overripe fruit. We have started to pick Dr. Davis and some Late Ross.

PEARS

River harvest wrapped up on August 10th. All growers were able to fulfill their contracted tonnage. Linden harvest finished up on August 5th with all growers coming in close to their tonnage.

We received our first load from Mendocino County on August 8th. Mendocino harvest should last about 3 weeks. Lake County's first loads arrived on August 9th and the crop looks good.



GRAPES



Harvest continues in Bakersfield and it looks like we may come up a little short. We will have a better idea on tonnage this week. Madera harvest started on August 7th and seems to have adequate labor to reach the desired daily output. Quality has been average to start and sunburn can be seen throughout the vineyard. Tonnage is also a concern in Madera; we should have a pretty good idea what we will end up with this week.

APRICOTS

Apricot harvest finished up on June 27th. Most growers came up short of their original estimates. Only two growers reached their PCP membership tonnage. The short crop has impacted all players in the apricot industry. On the bright side, size and quality of the fruit was very good.



TOMATOES



Organics – Harvest concluded on August 1st. The fruit held up well considering all the days with daytime temperatures at 100 degrees or higher. Harvest was received as anticipated.

Pear Tomatoes – Harvest continues. Fruit quality and crop look good.

Conventional Tomatoes – Harvest is going well and the crop looks good. Mid-season and late season crop also look good.

CHERRIES

We are 97% complete with our cherry harvest and will finish sometime next week with cherries from packing houses in Washington. Cherries have good size, color and firmness.



LODI WEATHER UPDATE

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
							
96° 61°	94° 60°	95° 61°	91° 61°	92° 60°	91° 60°	90° 59°	90° 59°

IMPORT UPDATE

OYSTERS

New production started in early April but they are off to a slow start. The initial harvest of oysters is weak with raw materials being on the smaller size. Packers forecast that raw material size and volume will improve by early May. Overall, growers and production facilities are forecasting similar volumes to 2016. Oyster harvest is March through July for both Korea and China; boiled production is March through May and smoked is June through July.



Map of our crop regions

MANDARINS

Our mandarins come from the Zhejiang and Hubei Regions. Zhejiang is one of the most densely populated and affluent provinces in China. Zhejiang is among the leading Chinese provinces in farm productivity and leads in the production of tea and in fishing. The Province area is 101 thousand square kilometers and has a population of 54.43 million people. Hubei, a province with numerous rivers and lakes, has been called the “land of thousand lakes”. Hubei has been said to be one of the originating places of the Chinese people. The Province has an area of 180 thousand square kilometers and a population of 57.24 million people.

The average mandarin fruit cost in Zhejiang is higher than the initial projections and the average fruit costs in Hubei are relatively in line. The fruits output dropped 40-50% in Zhejiang, and the fruits output increased by 40-50% in Hubei, which are in line with estimations (the Zhejiang province exports 67% and Hubei exports 4%). The fruits in Zhejiang were soft and loose before December, so almost all Zhejiang factories bought fruits from Hubei until late December. Beginning in 2017, Zhejiang factories began to use local fruits. Canned Mandarins are by far the most canned exported fruit from China (peaches, pears, lychee, pineapple and cherries are also exported from China). Mandarin Orange harvest is middle of October through January.

PINEAPPLE

Production: Pineapple in Thailand grows year-round. However, the volume at this time does not support a year-round production. The Thailand summer production is March through June; Thailand winter production is the middle of September through February. Indonesia production is year-round with a one month break in July.

Thailand Crop Update: Less than a year after the end of El Niño, weather forecasters around the world are predicting that it may come back and cause a drier-than-normal condition in Southeast Asia to develop around July to August and last through the end of this year. The 2016 winter crop has almost ended and the quality of raw material did not improve. The fruit was immature, un-ripe and small in size with high nitrate levels and low recovery percentage (solids and juice). If El Niño were to return for 2017, it will dry up the Thailand crop output, especially the winter crop output.