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Report Highlights:

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek lemon production is forecast to increase significantly by 11 percent due to favorable weather. MY 2012/13 Greek orange and tangerine productions are forecast to stay flat.

Oranges

Table 1: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Oranges	2010	2011	2012
	Estimate s 2010/201 1	Estimate s 2011/201 2	Forecast 2012/201 3
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	37,874	37,874	37,874
Area Harvested	36,000	36,600	37,000
Production	901,212	910,000	914,000
Imports	5,836	6,300	6,400
Total Supply	907,048	916,300	920,400
Exports	389,920	350,000	350,000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	382,128	431,300	435,400
For Processing	135,000	135,000	135,000
Total Distribution	907,048	916,300	920,400

Source: Unofficial estimates based on Greek industry;
GTA

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek orange production is forecast to stay flat. Peloponnese and Aitolokarnaia (Western Greece) are the main orange-producing areas. “Washington Navel,” “Commons,” “Valencia,” “Navelina,” and “Newhall” are the major

orange varieties grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/13 Greek orange consumption is forecast to remain steady. Most oranges are consumed fresh (channeled to open markets and grocery stores). “Commons” variety is used predominantly in processing.

TRADE

Romania, Germany, Serbia, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria are the main destination for Greek oranges. “Navels” and “Tardives” are marketed mostly from November through March. Greece imports small amounts of fresh oranges from South Africa, Hungary, and Bulgaria.

Orange Juice

Table 2: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Orange Juice	2010	2011	2012
	Estimate s 2010/201 1	Estimate s 2011/201 2	Forecast 2012/201 3
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Deliv.To Processors	135,000	135,000	135,000
Production	8,289	8,289	8,289
Imports	7,624	6,494	6,500
Total Supply	15,913	14,783	14,789
Exports	6,822	5,566	5,570
Fresh Dom.	9,091	9,217	9,219

Consumption			
Total Distribution	15,913	14,783	14,789

Source: Unofficial estimates based on Greek industry; GTA

Greece is forecast to process about 135,000 MT of oranges in MY 2012/13 to produce 8,289 MT of concentrate. The total volume of oranges channeled to processing depends on crop quality and quantity of oranges destined to the fresh market, both domestic and foreign.

Tangerines

Table 3: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Tangerines	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	9,200	9,200	9,200
Area Harvested	9,100	9,100	9,100
Production	120,000	120,000	120,000
Imports	4,199	2,900	2,850
Total Supply	124,199	122,900	122,850
Exports	80,999	68,000	67,500
Fresh Dom. Consumption	42,200	53,900	54,350
For	1,000	1,000	1,000

Processing			
Total Distribution	124,199	122,900	122,850

Source: Unofficial estimates based on Greek industry; GTA

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek tangerine production is forecast to remain steady. The main producing areas include the prefectures of Igoumenitsa, Arta, Mosologgi, and Thesprotia, located in northern Greece. “Clementine” is the major tangerine variety grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

Most tangerines are consumed fresh. “Clementines” are consumed mainly along the west coast and cover early and late season demand, both domestically and abroad.

TRADE

Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Macedonia represent the main destination for Greek tangerines.

“Clementines” are marketed from January to May.

Greece imports small amounts of fresh tangerines from Italy, Cyprus, and France.

Lemons

Table 4: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Lemons	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	11,800	11,800	11,800
Area Harvested	10,328	11,328	11,500
Production	33,000	45,000	50,000

Imports	29,548	34,500	35,000
Total Supply	62,548	79,500	85,000
Exports	2,385	4,000	4,100
Fresh Dom. Consumption	59,663	75,000	80,400
For Processing	500	500	500
Total Distribution	62,548	79,500	85,000

Source: Unofficial estimates based on Greek industry; GTA

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek lemon production is forecast to increase significantly by 11 percent due to favorable weather. The main lemon-producing areas include the prefectures of Korinthos, Achaia, Piraeus, and Ilias, located in northern Greece. The major lemon variety grown in Greece is “Maglini,” whose fruit is strongly aromatic, with a quite sour juice. It has a thin, shiny peel and when fully ripe has a yellow color.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/13 Greek lemon consumption is expected to increase driven by the increased production. Greek lemon production is all destined for the fresh market. Greece has become increasingly reliant on imported lemon juice to meet consumer demand for soft drinks. The yield for lemon juice is 15-17 Kg of fresh lemons to produce 1 Kg of lemon juice, depending on the quality of the fruit.

TRADE

Greece is a large importer of lemons from Argentina and Turkey. The “Maglini” lemon variety is marketed from December to May and from September to November after artificial ripening. Greek lemons are sold mainly to Romania and Bulgaria.

Grapefruits

Table 5: Production, Supply, and Demand (MT)

Grapefruits	2010	2011	2012
	Estimates 2010/2011	Estimates 2011/2012	Forecast 2012/2013
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	100	100	100
Area Harvested	95	93	95
Production	5,800	5,500	5,800

Imports	3,455	4,000	4,050
Total Supply	9,255	9,500	9,850
Exports	1,728	2,150	2,200
Fresh Dom. Consumption	7,027	6,850	7,150
For Processing	500	500	500
Total Distribution	9,255	9,500	9,850

Source: Unofficial estimates based on Greek industry; GTA

PRODUCTION

MY 2012/13 (November/October) Greek grapefruit production is forecast to grow by 5.4 percent. The prefectures of Corinth and Kavala, the region of Thessaly, and the island of Crete are the major grapefruit-producing areas.

CONSUMPTION

MY 2012/2013 Greek grapefruit consumption is expected to remain flat. Most grapefruits are consumed fresh.

TRADE

Greece imports the majority of its grapefruits from South Africa. Small quantities of Greek grapefruits are sold mainly to Bulgaria, Romania, and Macedonia.

Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

MY Marketing year

Oranges, Tangerines, Lemons, Grapefruit, Orange Juice: November/October

HS Codes

Oranges: 080510

Tangerines: 080520

Lemons: 080550

Grapefruit: 080540

Orange juice: 200911-200912-200919

MT Metric ton = 1000 kg

Ha hectare; 1 ha = 2.471 acres

EU European Union