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Report Highlights:

Italy's MY (marketing year) 2016/17 orange and tangerine productions are expected to drop severely by 38 and 25 percent respectively compared to MY 2015/16 due to lack of summer rains and the citrus tristeza virus (CTV) that affected approximately 45,000 hectares (ha) of citrus groves in the provinces of Catania and Siracusa (Sicily). Italy's MY 2016/17 lemon production is expected to be on average compared to the poor MY 2015/16 campaign, thanks to autumn rainfall that proved particularly beneficial for fruit quality and calibers.

ITALY

I. ORANGES

Table 1: Area (Hectares), Supply and Distribution (Metric Tons)

Oranges	2014	2015	2016
	Estimates 2014/2015	Estimates 2015/2016	Forecast 2016/2017
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	86,200	85,993	84,426
Area Harvested	84,530	84,407	83,599
Production	1,360,000	1,937,000	1,200,000
Imports	218,370	145,733	148,000
Total Supply	1,578,370	2,082,733	1,348,000
Exports	121,262	143,796	138,000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	1,215,008	1,594,151	1,010,000
For Processing	242,100	344,786	200,000
Total Distribution	1,578,370	2,082,733	1,348,000

Sources: Italian industry; ISTAT (Italian Institute of Statistics); GTA (Global Trade Atlas)

PRODUCTION

Italy is the second largest European orange producer after Spain. Sicily and Calabria are the main orange-producing areas, accounting for 59 and 22 percent of total production, respectively. *Tarocco*, *Moro*, *Sanguinello*, *Naveline*, and *Valencia* are the leading orange varieties grown in the country. Moreover, *Ippolito* and *Meli* cultivars are gaining popularity. Italy's MY (Marketing Year) 2016/17 orange production is expected to drop severely by 38 percent compared to MY 2015/16 due to lack of summer rains and the citrus tristeza virus (CTV) that affected approximately 45,000 hectares (ha) of citrus groves in the provinces of Catania and Siracusa (Sicily). However, rainfall in September and October proved particularly beneficial for fruit calibers, and quality that is expected to be excellent. Italy's MY 2015/16 orange production recovered significantly from the previous campaign thanks to ideal weather conditions. Furthermore, the introduction of new varieties and rootstocks of great quality enabled Italy to extend the production calendar.

CONSUMPTION

Most oranges are consumed fresh. Blood varieties (*Tarocco*, *Moro*, and *Sanguinello*) are used primarily for fresh consumption. Late varieties (*Ovale* and *Valencia*) are destined to both processing and fresh markets.

TRADE

Italy's MY 2015/16 orange imports (145,733 MT) dropped by 33 percent compared to the previous campaign, mainly due to reduced volumes from Spain (-51 percent), the leading supplier to the Italian orange market, accounting for approximately 48 percent of total imports.

Italy's MY 2015/16 orange exports (143,796 MT) increased by 18 percent from MY 2014/15, mainly due to increased volumes to Germany (+27 percent), Switzerland (+11 percent), Austria (+23 percent), and France (+43 percent), accounting for approximately 28, 13, 11, and 11 percent of total exports, respectively.

Table 2: Italy's leading orange imports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	156,805	218,370	145,733	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 33.26
Spain	T	95,794	143,455	69,588	61.09	65.69	47.75	- 51.49
South Africa	T	33,787	38,628	33,733	21.55	17.69	23.15	- 12.67
Germany	T	4,395	7,519	9,884	2.80	3.44	6.78	31.45
Egypt	T	3,808	10,308	7,789	2.43	4.72	5.34	- 24.44
Greece	T	6,925	4,294	7,074	4.42	1.97	4.85	64.72
Netherlands	T	2,188	4,513	5,720	1.40	2.07	3.93	26.75
Argentina	T	3,094	1,561	3,783	1.97	0.71	2.60	142.37
Uruguay	T	3,000	2,357	3,247	1.91	1.08	2.23	37.75
France	T	1,759	2,485	956	1.12	1.14	0.66	- 61.54
Cyprus	T	159	612	797	0.10	0.28	0.55	30.34

Source: GTA

Table 3: Italy's leading orange exports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	120,026	121,262	143,796	100.00	100.00	100.00	18.58
Germany	T	36,145	31,721	40,235	30.11	26.16	27.98	26.84
Switzerland	T	17,302	17,344	19,254	14.42	14.30	13.39	11.01
Austria	T	13,010			10.84	10.78	11.19	23.14

			13,067	16,091				
France	T	11,011	10,998	15,755	9.17	9.07	10.96	43.25
Poland	T	3,861	4,001	7,068	3.22	3.30	4.92	76.63
Sweden	T	4,305	4,427	5,940	3.59	3.65	4.13	34.18
Slovenia	T	4,615	4,320	4,929	3.85	3.56	3.43	14.11
Croatia	T	2,578	2,807	3,998	2.15	2.32	2.78	42.42
Czech Republic	T	1,235	2,572	3,958	1.03	2.12	2.75	53.88
Denmark	T	2,375	2,587	3,798	1.98	2.13	2.64	46.83

Source: GTA

II. ORANGE JUICE

Table 4: Production and Processing (MT)

Orange Juice	2014	2015	2016
	Estimates 2014/2015	Estimates 2015/2016	Forecast 2016/2017
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Delivered to Processors	242,100	344,786	200,000
Production	16,947	24,135	14,000

Sources: Italian industry

Italy is expected to process approximately 200,000 MT of oranges in MY 2016/17 and produce 14,000 MT of concentrate. The total volume of oranges channeled to processing depends on crop quality and quantity of oranges destined for the fresh market, both domestic and foreign.

III. TANGERINES

Table 5: Area (Hectares), Supply and Distribution (Metric Tons)

Tangerines	2014	2015	2016
	Estimates 2014/2015	Estimates 2015/2016	Forecast 2016/2017
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	35,514	35,365	35,403
Area Harvested	34,772	34,945	34,743
Production	866,000	836,000	626,000
Imports	98,280	83,342	75,000
Total Supply	964,280	919,342	701,000
Exports	88,334	84,402	85,000

Fresh Dom. Consumption	815,326	776,420	572,180
For Processing	60,620	58,520	43,820
Total Distribution	964,280	919,342	701,000

Sources: Italian industry; ISTAT; GTA

PRODUCTION

Italy's tangerine production consists of over 80 percent seedless clementines and nearly 20 percent mandarins. Calabria, Sicily, and Apulia are Italy's main tangerine-producing areas, accounting for 50, 23, and 14 percent of total production, respectively. *Comune* or *Oroval* and *Monreal* are the leading clementine varieties grown in the country. *Avana* and *Tardivo di Ciaculli* are the chief mandarin cultivars. Italy's MY 2016/17 tangerine production is expected to drop by 25 percent compared to the previous campaign due to lack of summer rains and CTV that affected approximately 45,000 hectares (ha) of citrus groves in the provinces of Catania and Siracusa (Sicily). Both MY 2016/17 clementine (510,000 MT) and mandarin (116,000 MT) productions are expected to decrease by approximately 25 percent from MY 2015/16. However, quality is estimated to be good, thanks to beneficial late summer rainfall. Italy's MY 2015/16 tangerine production went slightly down, 3.5 percent lower than the previous campaign, mainly due to an 8 percent decrease in clementine production (681,000 MT compared to 740,000 MT in MY 2014/15), not entirely compensated by the 23 percent growth in mandarin supply (155,000 MT compared to 126,000 MT in MY 2014/15).

CONSUMPTION

Most tangerines are consumed fresh. Italians consume large quantities of clementines and mandarins during winter holidays when the bulk of production hits the market.

TRADE

Italy's MY 2015/16 tangerine imports (83,342 MT) declined by 15 percent compared to the previous campaign, mainly due to reduced volumes from Spain (-15 percent), the leading supplier to the Italian tangerine market, accounting for 83 percent of total imports. In MY 2015/16, Italy exported approximately 84,402 MT of tangerines, 4 percent lower than MY 2014/15, mainly due to reduced quantities to Poland (-3 percent) and Romania (-42 percent), the leading destinations for Italian tangerines, accounting for 17 and 7 percent of total exports, respectively.

Table 6: Italy's leading tangerine imports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	79,740	98,280	83,342	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 15.20
Spain	T	68,290	81,603	69,386	85.64	83.03	83.25	- 14.97
France	T	4,415	6,672	5,381	5.54	6.79	6.46	- 19.35
Germany	T				1.86	3.56	3.56	- 15.20

		1,483	3,503	2,970				
Israel	T	1,676	2,139	1,794	2.10	2.18	2.15	- 16.16
Cyprus	T	2,048	1,838	1,646	2.57	1.87	1.98	- 10.45
Uruguay	T	620	375	479	0.78	0.38	0.57	27.84
Netherlands	T	346	525	415	0.43	0.53	0.50	- 21.11
Peru	T	-	23	275	0.00	0.02	0.33	1114.15
South Africa	T	137	118	256	0.17	0.12	0.31	117.53
Morocco	T	142	577	191	0.18	0.59	0.23	- 66.96

Source: GTA

Table 7: Italy's leading tangerine exports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	76,358	88,334	84,402	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 4.45
Poland	T	10,808	14,859	14,354	14.15	16.82	17.01	- 3.40
Germany	T	5,497	8,446	8,564	7.20	9.56	10.15	1.39
Slovenia	T	7,028	6,840	8,371	9.20	7.74	9.92	22.39
France	T	3,065	4,471	6,654	4.01	5.06	7.88	48.82
Hungary	T	5,963	6,015	6,156	7.81	6.81	7.29	2.34
Austria	T	6,480	4,491	5,855	8.49	5.08	6.94	30.37
Romania	T	7,659	9,689	5,634	10.03	10.97	6.68	- 41.85
Slovakia	T	3,583	4,920	5,610	4.69	5.57	6.65	14.02
Lithuania	T	3,567	4,763	3,588	4.67	5.39	4.25	- 24.67

Latvia	T	772	1,301	2,865	1.01	1.47	3.39	120.30
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Source: GTA

IV. LEMONS

Table 8: Area (Hectares), Supply and Distribution (Metric Tons)

Lemons	2014	2015	2016
	Estimates 2014/2015	Estimates 2015/2016	Forecast 2016/2017
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	25,924	25,985	25,311
Area Harvested	20,584	21,188	21,056
Production	429,000	394,000	490,000
Imports	124,225	110,712	96,000
Total Supply	553,225	504,712	586,000
Exports	39,298	45,500	48,000
Fresh Dom. Consumption	436,707	388,292	449,800
For Processing	77,220	70,920	88,200
Total Distribution	553,225	504,712	586,000

Sources: Italian industry; ISTAT; GTA

PRODUCTION

Italy is the second largest European lemon producer after Spain. Sicily is the main lemon-producing area, accounting for 86 percent of domestic production. *Femminello Siracusano*, *Lunario*, *Interdonato*, *Limone di Sorrento*, and *Limone di Procida* are the leading lemon varieties grown in the country. Italy's MY 2016/17 lemon production is expected to be on average compared to the poor MY 2015/16 campaign, thanks to autumn rainfall that proved particularly beneficial for fruit quality and calibers.

CONSUMPTION

Italy's lemon production is mostly destined for the fresh market.

TRADE

Italy's MY 2015/16 lemon imports totaled 110,712 MT, 11 percent lower than MY 2014/15, mainly due to reduced volumes from Spain (-44 percent), accounting for 37 percent of total imports. Italy's MY 2015/16 lemon exports (45,500 MT) went up by 16 percent compared to the previous campaign, mainly due to increased volumes to Germany (+25 percent), Austria (+29 percent), and France (+67 percent), the leading destinations for Italian lemons, accounting for 32, 16, and 10 percent of total exports, respectively.

Table 9: Italy's leading lemon imports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	90,148	124,225	110,712	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 10.88
Spain	T	49,011	73,818	41,171	54.37	59.42	37.19	- 44.23
Argentina	T	18,965	26,479	31,987	21.04	21.32	28.89	20.80
Netherlands	T	4,756	5,230	8,838	5.28	4.21	7.98	69.01
South Africa	T	5,356	4,822	7,905	5.94	3.88	7.14	63.91
Turkey	T	4,335	2,293	6,312	4.81	1.85	5.70	175.28
Germany	T	2,524	3,954	3,102	2.80	3.18	2.80	- 21.56
Uruguay	T	1,860	2,382	1,993	2.06	1.92	1.80	- 16.35
Chile	T	808	854	1,802	0.90	0.69	1.63	111.06
France	T	1,121	1,851	1,594	1.24	1.49	1.44	- 13.91
Tunisia	T	60	13	1,405	0.07	0.01	1.27	∞

Source: GTA

Table 10: Italy's leading lemon exports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	44,733	39,298	45,500	100.00	100.00	100.00	15.78
Germany	T				35.02	29.69	32.18	25.46

		15,664	11,669	14,640				
Austria	T	4,730	5,749	7,425	10.57	14.63	16.32	29.14
France	T	2,659	2,733	4,572	5.94	6.96	10.05	67.26
United Kingdom	T	1,426	1,373	2,675	3.19	3.49	5.88	94.83
Slovenia	T	2,734	2,197	2,510	6.11	5.59	5.52	14.25
Switzerland	T	1,113	1,170	1,750	2.49	2.98	3.85	49.54
Hungary	T	1,672	1,238	1,724	3.74	3.15	3.79	39.28
Denmark	T	914	1,071	1,664	2.04	2.73	3.66	55.30
Croatia	T	1,365	1,735	1,392	3.05	4.42	3.06	- 19.77
Greece	T	4,918	4,511	1,087	10.99	11.48	2.39	- 75.89

Source: GTA

V. GRAPEFRUITS

Table 11: Area (Hectares), Supply and Distribution (Metric Tons)

Grapefruits	2014	2015	2016
	Estimates 2014/2015	Estimates 2015/2016	Forecast 2016/2017
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	324	269	267
Area Harvested	274	269	265
Production	5,400	4,900	5,000
Imports	29,991	30,105	30,000
Total Supply	35,391	35,005	35,000
Exports	2,762	2,592	2,600
Fresh Dom. Consumption	32,629	32,413	32,400
For Processing	0	0	0
Total Distribution	35,391	35,005	35,000

Sources: Italian industry; ISTAT; GTA

PRODUCTION

Italy's MY 2016/17 grapefruit production is expected at 5,000 MT, a two percent increase from the previous campaign.

TRADE

Italy's MY 2015/16 grapefruit imports reached 30,105 MT, mainly from South Africa, Turkey and Cyprus, accounting for 28, 18, and 11 percent of total imports, respectively. In MY 2015/16, Italy exported 2,592 MT of grapefruits, mainly to the Netherlands and France.

Table 12: Italy's leading grapefruit imports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	28,554	29,991	30,105	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.38
South Africa	T	10,280	11,614	8,462	36.00	38.73	28.11	- 27.14
Turkey	T	4,541	3,370	5,551	15.90	11.24	18.44	64.70
Cyprus	T	3,584	2,800	3,401	12.55	9.34	11.30	21.46
Israel	T	4,033	4,444	3,110	14.12	14.82	10.33	- 30.00
Spain	T	1,855	3,528	3,057	6.50	11.76	10.15	- 13.36
Netherlands	T	1,258	1,706	2,868	4.41	5.69	9.53	68.09
China	T	1,674	921	1,996	5.86	3.07	6.63	116.65
France	T	468	836	609	1.64	2.79	2.02	- 27.21
Mexico	T	21	103	423	0.07	0.34	1.41	310.03
Slovenia	T	63	105	222	0.22	0.35	0.74	111.89

Source: GTA

Table 13: Italy's leading grapefruit exports

Partner Country	Unit	Quantity			% Share			% Change 2016/2015
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	
World	T	3,257	2,762	2,592	100.00	100.00	100.00	- 6.13
Netherlands	T	536	282	555	16.45	10.21	21.42	96.86
France	T	365	394	398	11.21	14.28	15.34	0.79
Slovenia	T	629	436	346	19.32	15.81	13.36	- 20.62
Croatia	T	410	336	290	12.60	12.16	11.20	- 13.55
United Kingdom	T	64	25	167	1.98	0.92	6.43	557.29

Germany	T	232	154	164	7.14	5.59	6.32	6.09
Hungary	T	162	145	123	4.99	5.25	4.76	- 14.83
Spain	T	42	173	108	1.30	6.25	4.18	- 37.15
Austria	T	150	87	85	4.62	3.16	3.28	- 2.37
Greece	T	42	163	69	1.29	5.90	2.66	- 57.73

Source: GTA

Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

MY Marketing year

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

HS Codes:

Oranges: 080510

Tangerines: 080520

Lemons: 080550

Grapefruit: 080540

Orange juice: 200911; 200912; 200919

Ha hectare; 1 ha = 2.471 acres

MT Metric ton = 1,000 kg