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Lower Export Volumes Forecasted for Chilean Cherries

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Report Highlights:

General Information:

The cherry exporters committee of ASOEX (Chile's fruit exporters association) is expecting a 27.7% decrease on export volume for MY2015/2016 due to weather conditions that affected production during the Chilean spring and a 10 day delay on harvest date. Projections indicate that total amount exported for MY2015/2016 will be 74,501 MT compared to 103,184 MT in MY2014/2015.

According to data from Ministry of Agriculture-ODEPA (Oficina de Estudios y Políticas Agrarias) in the beginning of the season only 6,494,000 MT have been exported until the second week of December. Previous MY exports were 42,942 MT from Nov-Dec 2014 and 23,627 MT on Nov-Dec 2013 (see table Chile: Fresh Cherry Exports). Although data from December is incomplete for 2015, it is unlikely that exports will reach volumes as high as MY4013/2014.

Main market for Chilean cherry exports is China, where cherry price is high, but Unit Value (US\$/MT) so far has been lower than the average for Oct-Dec on MY2014/2015. High prices in China along with a favorable exchange rate have softened the impacts on exporters but these factors are expected to compensate the lower overall exports (see table Chile: Fresh Cherry Exports by Country). U.S. is the second largest importer of Chilean Cherries after China; both have shown a Unit Value around US\$4,700/MT in the beginning of MY2015/2016 exports.

Trade:**Chile: Fresh Cherry Exports**

	Nov - Dec 2013	Nov - Dec 2014	Nov - Dec* 2015
Volume (MT)	23,627	42,294	6,497
Value (Thousand U.S.\$)	176,079	252,134	32,328

	MY2013/2014	MY2014/2015	
Volume (MT)	66,495	103,184	
Value (Thousand U.S.\$)	513	603,606	

Source: ODEPA, 2015.

Note: *Includes preliminary data available until December 15th 2015.

Includes commodities HS 08092990 and HS 08092919

Chile: Fresh Cherry Exports by Country

Partner	Oct - Dic 2014			Oct - Dec* 2015		
	Quantity	Value	Unit Value	Quantity	Value	Unit Value

Country	(MT)	(thousand U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$/MT)	(MT)	(thousand U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$/MT)
China	27,394	180,093	6,574	3,933	18,705	4,756
United States	5,720	25,882	4,525	1,230	5,745	4,671
Hong Kong	1,878	10,983	5,850	65	240	3,704
Brazil	2,100	8,482	4,040	535	3,000	5,604
Taiwan	998	6,202	6,212	137	787	5,742
Netherlands	1,133	5,436	4,799	117	839	7,174
United Kingdom	835	4,147	4,967	74	568	7,722
Thailand	171	1,483	8,679	54	385	7,135
Ecuador	659	1,299	1,971	29	100	3,491
Spain	175	1,166	6,654	60	383	6,387
France	121	921	7,615	19	152	7,851
Mexico	110	876	7,972	30	269	8,881
Vietnam	64	553	8,701	18	157	8,870
Italy	85	545	6,444	8	59	7,750
Colombia	122	500	4,108	14	88	6,324
Others	748	3,696	4,942	175	852	4,869
Total	42,311	252,263	5,962	6,497	32,328	4,976

Source: ODEPA, 2015.

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