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A REPORT FOR  
THE CALIFORNIA  
CHERRY BOARD

## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

## U.S. Accused of Dumping Cherries into Canada

- In a [Global News article](#), a Canadian publication, the [British Columbia \(BC\) Fruit Growers' Association](#) (BCFGA) has accused California and Washington of dumping cherries into the Canadian market. Referencing U.S. cherries, the General Manager of BCFGa, was quoted as saying, "Selling an imported product below cost to production is not legal under the free trade agreement and so we could see some trade action on that."
- According to the article and video, the BCFGa has taken the first step towards anti-dumping trade action by requesting that the Canadian Border Service Agency and Agriculture Canada monitor the pricing and quantity of imported cherries.

## European Union, New Zealand Sign Free Trade Agreement

- On July 9, the European Union (EU) and New Zealand [signed](#) the [EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement](#) (FTA). The two sides concluded FTA negotiations in June 2022 (*BCI Monitor* 7-5-22).
- Upon entry into force, the agreement will eliminate all tariffs on EU exports to New Zealand.
- The EU's 12% tariff on cherries from New Zealand will be eliminated upon entry into force.

## USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for China

- On July 6, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) published its [Stone Fruit Annual Report for China](#).
- FAS estimates that cherry acreage in marketing year (MY) 2023/24 will increase by 3% from the previous year to 457,145 acres due to expansion in the northwest and southwest. In the traditional cherry producing regions of the east, acreage remains stable.
- FAS forecasts that cherry production in MY 2023/24 will increase by 12% from the previous year to 760,000 metric tons (MT) due to a rebound in production in the Shandong, Sichuan, and Liaoning provinces as these regions recover from spring frost damage. Production for 2022/23 is estimated to have been 680,000 MT, in line with industry estimates, as acreage expanded.
- FAS estimates that cherry exports in MY 2023/24 will increase by 614% to a new high of 50 MT from the previous year due to the increases in production. In MY 2022/23, cherry exports decreased by 46% to 7 MT.
- FAS predicts that China's cherry imports in MY 2023/24 will increase by 6% to 400,000 MT as offseason demand is strong and supplies improve from Chile and the U.S. In MY 2022/23, 88% of Chilean cherry exports were sent to China, and this relationship has driven Chile to expand its production and acreage. The U.S. remains China's largest supplier in the northern hemisphere, with exports expected to rebound in MY 2023/24 from the low MY 2022/23 levels caused by poor weather in the U.S.
- U.S. cherries continue to face retaliatory tariffs originally imposed in 2018. Fruit importers can apply for a tariff exclusion from China's Section 301 tariffs; however, U.S. cherries that are exempted from Section 301 tariffs will be subject to a 25% Section 232 tariff (as of March 2, 2020).

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## General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

### APHIS Announces Upcoming Plant Bilateral Meetings

- On July 6, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [published its schedule](#) for Plant Health Technical Bilateral Meetings through November, including:
- *July 2023*
  - U.S. – Israel Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, July 11 to 15 (in-person, Oregon and Washington); contact Prakash Hebbar for details, [prakash.hebbar@usda.gov](mailto:prakash.hebbar@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – Dominican Republic Plant Health Bilateral meeting, July 13 (virtual); contact Sarah Hieskill for details, [sarah.r.hieskill@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.r.hieskill@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – South Africa Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, July 17 to 21 (in person, Michigan); contact Mohamed Sedegui for details, [mohamed.sedegui@usda.gov](mailto:mohamed.sedegui@usda.gov)
- *August 2023*
  - U.S. – Peru Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, August 7 to 11 (in-person, Raleigh, NC); contact Sarah Hieskill for details, [sarah.r.hieskill@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.r.hieskill@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – Vietnam Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, August 21 to 25 (in-person, Vietnam tentative); contact Lisa Kohl for details, [lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov)
- *September 2023*
  - 30th Session of the AIT-TECRO (U.S. – Taiwan) Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Agricultural Standards Working Group Consultations, September 11 to 15 (in person, Washington, D.C.); contact Amanda Kenney for details, [amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov](mailto:amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – Canada Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, September (virtual, tentative); contact Fan Wang-Cahill for details, [fan.wang-cahill@usda.gov](mailto:fan.wang-cahill@usda.gov)
- *October 2023*
  - U.S. – European Union Biannual Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, early October (in-person, Brussels, Belgium and Spain, tentative) contact Prakash Hebbar for details, [prakash.hebbar@usda.gov](mailto:prakash.hebbar@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – South Korea Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, early October (in-person, Monterrey, California, tentative); contact Lisa Kohl for details, [lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – Japan Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, October (tentative); contact Lisa Kohl for details, [lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.m.kohl@usda.gov)
- *November 2023*
  - U.S. – Australia Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, November (Australia, tentative); contact Amanda Kenney for details, [amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov](mailto:amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov)
  - U.S. – New Zealand Plant Health Bilateral Meeting, November (New Zealand, tentative); contact Amanda Kenney for details, [amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov](mailto:amanda.m.kenney@usda.gov)