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## Specific Issues of Interest to the CCB:

#### USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for the EU

- On August 30, the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) published its <u>Stone</u> <u>Fruit Annual Report</u> for the European Union (EU).
- In marketing year (MY) 2023-24, total EU cherry production is expected to reach 657,435 metric tons (MT). This is a decrease of 21% from the previous year due to unfavorable weather in major producing countries such as Poland and Italy. Total planted area is expected to remain steady at 407,723 acres.
- Consumption of cherries, including cherries for processing, is forecast to decline to 682,000 MT due to reduced production. Inflation in food and other prices due to the conflict in Ukraine has also contributed to reduced fresh cherry consumption.
- The EU is a net importer of cherries, with 70% sourced from Turkey. Other suppliers include Serbia, Chile, and Argentina. During MY 2022-23, EU cherry imports declined to 29,006 MT due to higher internal EU production. With the drop in EU production in MY 2023-24, imports are forecast to rebound to 40,000 MT.
- Extra-EU cherry exports are primarily sent to the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Belarus, and Ukraine. In MY 2022-23, cherry exports declined to 16,400 MT. In MY 2023-24, exports are expected to decline further to 15,000 MT.

#### Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine Area Established in Santa Clara County

- The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has established an Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) quarantine zone in the Santa Clara area of Santa Clara County, effective September 1, 2023.
- A map of the proposed boundary is provided on the CDFA website.

## General Issues of Interest to the CCB:

#### UK Publishes Windsor Framework Draft Enforcement Legislation

- The United Kingdom (UK) published the <u>Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.)</u> <u>Regulations 2023</u>. The draft regulations amend various legislation in Great Britain and Northern Ireland to facilitate the implementation of the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme from October 1, 2023.
- Part 2 of the enforcement regulations includes provisions on the amendment of the Official Controls (Plant Health and Genetically Modified Organisms) Regulations for England, Scotland, and Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- Part 3 of the enforcement regulations covers public health, marketing, and organic product standards in Northern Ireland and lists relevant Northern Ireland enforcement legislation that is impacted.

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• The draft will be reviewed by each house of UK Parliament for approval and published as a UK Statutory Instrument as a final version.

## A REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA CHERRY BOARD

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