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## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for Australia**

- On August 20, the USDA [published](#) its annual report on stone fruit for Australia.
- In marketing year (MY) 2024/25, Australia's cherry production is forecast to increase by 8% to 20,000 metric tons (MT), from an estimated 18,500 MT in MY 2023/24. This is due to favorable weather conditions, including good chill hours and above-average rainfall.
- Consumption is expected to increase by 8% in MY 2024/25 to 17,000 MT from MY 2023/24's 15,500 MT, due to both increased imports and increased domestic production.
- Australian exports are expected to increase to 5,000 MT in MY 2024/25, from an estimated 4,000 MT in MY 2023/24. This would be the second-highest export level on record. These cherries are primarily sent to Hong Kong, Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan, and China, which collectively account for over 75% of overall exports.
- Imports to Australia for MY 2024/25 are forecast at 2,000 MT, up from 1,000 MT in MY 2023/24. Nearly all of these imported cherries come from the United States, due to their counter-seasonal production.

**USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for Japan**

- On August 20, the USDA [published](#) its annual report on stone fruit for Japan.
- In marketing year (MY) 2024/25, Japan's cherry production is forecast to decrease by 15% to 14,700 metric tons (MT), from an estimated 17,300 MT in MY 2023/24. This is due to high temperatures in the country's main production region, which caused accelerated ripening and lowered shelf life.
- Consumption is expected to decrease in MY 2024/25 to 20,600 MT from MY 2023/24's 21,000 MT. Japan exports only a negligible volume of its cherries, mostly consuming them domestically and primarily as fresh products.
- Imports to Japan for MY 2024/25 are forecast at 5,900 MT, up from 3,702 MT in MY 2023/24. This is due to the lower domestic production. Around 91% of these imported cherries come from the United States, which benefit from the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement's elimination of tariffs.

**USDA Publishes Stone Fruit Annual Report for Chile**

- On August 20, the USDA [published](#) its annual report on stone fruit for Chile.
- In marketing year (MY) 2024/25, Chile's cherry production is forecast to increase to 500,000 metric tons (MT), a 68% increase from an estimated 470,000 MT in MY 2023/24.
- The planted area of Chilean cherries is expected to increase by 5.5% to 67,000 hectares, keeping with the steadily rising production volume over the past several years. Weather conditions in MY 2024/25 featured abundant rainfall and sufficiently low temperatures, indicating continuing increases.
- Domestic consumption is expected to increase just slightly in MY 2024/25 to 57,000 MT from MY 2023/24's 56,338 MT. Chile does not import any cherries, producing all of its own domestic supply.
- Chilean exports are expected to increase by 7.6% to 445,000 MT in MY 2024/25, from an estimated 413,662 MT in MY 2023/24. China is the primary destination for these exports, receiving over 91% of the country's export volume.

## A REPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA CHERRY BOARD

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## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

### Argentina Resolutions on Containers and Utensils for Food Use Enter into Force

- On September 6, two joint resolutions approved by Argentina's National Food Commission (CONAL) enter into force (*BCI Monitor 9-19-23*).
- [Joint Resolution No. 23](#) (in Spanish), passed September 6, 2023, incorporates Article 17 into the Argentine Food Code, requiring that establishments that produce containers and utensils in contact with food have a Technical Director.
- [Joint Resolution No. 24](#) (in Spanish), passed September 6, 2023, incorporates Article 20 into the Argentine Food Code, setting good manufacturing practices for containers and utensils in contact with food.