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THE CALIFORNIA
CHERRY BOARD**

SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

USDA Publishes Annual Global Stone Fruit Report

- On September 17, the USDA published its [annual report](#) entitled Fresh Peaches and Cherries: World Markets and Trade.
- Global cherry production in marketing year (MY) 2024-25 is forecast to increase slightly to 5.0 million metric tons (MT) as normal growing conditions in China, Chile, the European Union (EU), and the U.S. result in gains that offset reductions in Turkey's production. Exports are projected at 759,000 MT, nearly matching last year's numbers as exports from Chile rise and exports from Uzbekistan and Iran decline. Northern Hemisphere countries are on an April-March MY; Southern Hemisphere countries are on a November-October MY indicated as the first year of the split year.
- U.S. production of cherries is forecast up by 13,000 MT to 413,000 MT. This is despite freeze and frost damage that occurred in Washington. Exports are projected to rise to 85,000 MT, which is above the 10-year average. Imports are forecast relatively unchanged at 20,000 MT as greater shipments from Chile offset lower ones from Canada.
- Turkey's cherry production is expected to fall by 48,000 MT to 900,000 MT. Growing conditions were good, but not as strong as the previous year. Exports are forecast at 85,000 MT due to continued strong demand from the EU.
- China's cherry production is expected to rise by 50,000 MT to 850,000 MT despite droughts in the top cherry-producing province of Shandong, with planted area increasing and normal growing conditions in other regions supporting continued growth. Imports are forecast up by 7% to 415,000 MT due to rising production in Chile and the U.S., in a pattern of rising domestic consumption.
- Chile's production is projected to rise 32,000 MT to 502,000 MT as increased planted area combined with favorable weather results in greater yield. Exports are projected up by 31,000 MT to 445,000 MT with record volumes expected as the sector strives to meet high demand in China.
- The EU's production is forecast up by 10,000 MT to 715,000 MT. Recovery from last year's weather-damaged crop is limited due to frost damage in Poland. Imports are projected slightly up at 60,000 MT, which is the highest level in 17 years thanks to strong shipments from Turkey. Exports are expected to rise 3,000 MT to 15,000 MT, below the five-year average.

GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

Brazil Opens Consultations on Two Food Contact Material Regulations

- On September 23, Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) opened two consultations on sanitary and compositional requirements for regenerated cellulose films used as food contact material (FCM), [Public Consultation No. 1280](#) and [Public Consultation No. 1281](#) (both in Portuguese). Brazil also notified both consultations to the WTO ([No. 1280](#) and [No. 1281](#)).
 - The draft regulation proposed by [Public Consultation No. 1280](#) establishes the health and compositional requirements for regenerated cellulose film FCM.

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- The draft regulation proposed by *Public Consultation No. 1281* establishes the positive list of substances authorized for the manufacture of regenerated cellulose film FCM.
- Comments are due by November 13, 2024, and may be submitted directly to ANVISA on the consultation website for each one, [No. 1280](#) and [No. 1281](#), or alternatively, comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at usatbtep@nist.gov.