



Stone Fruit: World Markets and Trade

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Stone Fruit 2008/09 Forecast Overview

Production of stone fruit (cherries, peaches and nectarines, plums and prunes, and apricots) in marketing year 2008/09, among USDA - Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) monitored countries, is raised 6-percent to 23.6 million metric tons. Cherry production is up 5-percent to 2.1 million, fresh peach (including nectarines) production is raised 5-percent to 14.3 million, and fresh plum production is up 5-percent to 4.1 million. Fresh apricot production is raised 8-percent to 3.1 million.

The largest stone fruit exporters are Spain (634,000 metric tons), Italy (407,850 tons), Chile (234,200 tons), and the United States (159,750 tons).

Global exports of fresh stone fruit totaled over 2.4 million tons in 2006, up 4-percent from the previous year. Fresh peach and nectarine exports led the stone fruit category, reaching 1.4 million tons, followed by plums at 484,970 tons, cherries at 299,140 tons, and apricots at 236,280 tons.



