

## World Table Grape Situation and Outlook

**U.S. fresh market grape production for 2000 is estimated at 820,000 metric tons, up almost 2 percent from a year ago. Exports increased 22 percent to 290,309 tons in 2000, based on higher production and the opening of new markets. Canada, Mexico, and Hong Kong were the top markets for U.S. grape exports in 2000, with very strong growth to China and other Asian markets. Table grape production and export forecasts for the Southern Hemisphere in 2001 are mixed.**

### Southern Hemisphere

#### Chile

Table grape production is forecast at 975,000 tons in 2001, up an additional 4 percent over current levels, with favorable weather so far in the growing season fueling the expansion.

Excellent climatic conditions in most production areas in 2000 brought about significant increases in output, approximately 14 percent over 1999 to 935,000 tons. Thompson Seedless, Flame Seedless, and Ribier account for the bulk of production. Chilean efforts to replace growers' aging vineyards with the Red Globe variety reflects growing consumer preferences.

Chilean grape exports are also forecast to rise 4 percent to 590,000 tons in 2001 due to increased production of what are expected to be very good quality grapes. Chile's exports to Asia grew in 2000, particularly to the newer South Korean market. Imports were minimal during 1999 and in 2000 reflecting the economic uncertainty among retailers who were struggling with weak consumer demand across most food products. Imports are expected to pick up in 2001. The United States accounts for almost all of Chile's imports.

#### South Africa

In 2001, production is expected to increase 1 percent over 2000. Exports declined further than the expected 3 percent during 2000 to post an overall 9-percent decline. Producers are working to improve the quality and image of their products. Exports are expected to increase slightly if not at least stabilize in 2001. The Netherlands, Belgium, and the United Kingdom continue to be their largest markets, respectively, followed by the United States.

## **United States**

U.S. fresh-market grape production in 2000 is estimated at 820,000 metric tons, up almost 2 percent. U.S. grape production is expected to continue expanding in 2001 as acreage continues to increase. California accounts for almost all of the U.S. fresh market grape production. U.S. fresh grape exports in 2000 increased 22 percent to reach 290,309 tons compared with 238,987 tons the previous year. Canada, Mexico and Hong Kong were the top export markets accounting for about 60 percent of U.S. exports. Very robust growth of the Chinese and Malaysian markets bolstered overall export levels.

On January 14, 2000, Australia released its final import risk assessment (IRA) on California grapes, determining that the product could be imported under the specified treatment conditions. However, this has not resulted in market access for California grapes. The U.S. Government has repeatedly made representations to the Australians that all of the IRA requirements have been met but the import regulations remain unchanged.

USDA reiterated to Australian officials in January 2001 that the legitimate pest risk issues had been addressed and that a speedy resolution to this long-standing U.S. market access issue was expected. The Australians have subsequently announced their intention to maintain the existing import ban, citing concerns over glassy-winged sharpshooter and Pierce's Disease, issues which had been addressed in the original risk assessment. Efforts aimed at bringing this matter to a favorable conclusion continue. Exports are critically important to the California table grape industry, accounting for 35 percent of U.S. production. U.S. table grape exports are forecast to reach \$325 million in MY 2000/2001.

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**TABLE GRAPES: U.S. EXPORTS 1/**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
	---Metric Tons---					
Canada	102,938	87,042	97,396	81,505	89,508	95,532
Mexico	11,188	10,859	23,920	24,007	30,881	40,187
Hong Kong	28,244	38,547	58,548	31,569	37,017	35,370
Taiwan	12,828	16,326	11,962	8,756	16,629	20,428
Philippines	9,034	12,734	15,903	6,411	14,066	13,376
United Kingdom	7,653	4,412	5,609	6,934	8,762	11,258
Malaysia	6,512	5,858	7,551	3,005	3,589	10,997
China	44	28	454	5,680	928	9,105
Singapore	5,928	4,575	5,357	4,631	3,651	6,584
Japan	4,433	3,004	3,233	3,515	4,184	5,799
All Others	1,031	999	1,936	1,889	2,681	5,396
<b>Total</b>	<b>219,922</b>	<b>214,715</b>	<b>270,649</b>	<b>205,252</b>	<b>238,987</b>	<b>290,309</b>

1/ Calendar year for all countries.

SOURCES: U.S. Agricultural Attaché Reports and Bureau of the Census with forecasts by the Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA.

**TABLE GRAPES: U.S. IMPORTS 1/**

<b>Origin</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
	---Metric Tons---					
Chile	263,824	292,896	272,333	289,233	274,935	359,678
Mexico	80,492	60,033	75,713	101,044	87,632	90,749
South Africa; Republic of	3,004	3,218	7,450	10,122	13,591	10,393
Canada	1,299	2,945	3,202	4,152	5,910	4,447
Argentina	0	0	0	286	630	2,392
Italy	131	194	1,142	958	843	1,492
Brazil	430	0	12	0	41	329
Peru	188	254	75	0	55	265
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	3
Australia	43	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	255	286	1	26	35	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>349,666</b>	<b>359,826</b>	<b>359,928</b>	<b>405,821</b>	<b>383,672</b>	<b>469,749</b>

1/ Calendar year for all countries.

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**TABLE GRAPES: PRODUCTION, SUPPLY, AND DISTRIBUTION**

<b>Country/ Year 1/</b>	<b>Production 2/</b>	<b>Imports 3/</b>	<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>Exports, Fresh Only 2/</b>	<b>Domestic Fresh Consumption</b>	<b>For Processing</b>	<b>Withdrawal from Market</b>
---- Metric Tons ----							
<b>Northern Hemisphere Countries</b>							
<b>Greece</b>							
1998	310,000	703	310,703	110,870	139,833	60,000	0
1999	287,000	1,413	288,413	102,458	135,955	50,000	0
2000	310,000	1,000	311,000	110,000	141,000	60,000	0
<b>Italy</b>							
1998	1,525,000	10,000	1,535,000	560,000	675,000	300,000	0
1999	1,562,000	12,000	1,574,000	578,000	696,000	300,000	0
2000	1,490,000	15,000	1,505,000	570,000	685,000	250,000	0
<b>Japan</b>							
1998	232,700	7,648	240,348	13	209,035	31,300	0
1999	242,000	9,005	251,005	24	219,481	31,500	0
2000	240,100	12,500	252,600	30	221,070	31,500	0
<b>Mexico</b>							
1998	161,683	41,447	203,130	104,119	99,011	0	0
1999	185,615	51,896	237,511	107,830	129,681	0	0
2000	167,000	57,000	224,000	110,000	114,000	0	0
<b>Spain</b>							
1998	350,000	19,900	369,900	92,700	250,000	25,000	2,200
1999	370,200	21,000	391,200	100,000	255,000	30,000	6,200
2000	356,600	25,000	381,600	95,000	255,000	30,000	1,600
<b>Turkey</b>							
1998	3,600,000	304	3,600,304	53,973	1,746,331	1,800,000	0
1999	3,400,000	233	3,400,233	47,980	1,652,253	1,700,000	0
2000	3,500,000	250	3,500,250	50,000	1,700,250	1,750,000	0
<b>United States</b>							
1998	583,201	405,821	989,022	205,252	443,613	139,678	200,479
1999	686,599	383,672	1,070,271	238,987	530,000	157,818	143,466
2000	820,000	469,749	1,289,749	290,309	625,000	170,000	204,440
<b>Southern Hemisphere Countries</b>							
<b>Chile</b>							
1998	850,000	121	850,121	490,258	92,000	267,863	0
1999	815,000	97	815,097	473,525	93,000	248,572	0
2000	935,000	0	935,000	568,000	97,900	269,100	0
<b>South Africa; Republic of</b>							
1998	195,673	0	195,673	148,759	43,604	3,310	0
1999	227,671	0	227,671	183,716	39,378	4,577	0
2000	208,000	0	208,000	168,000	36,000	4,000	0
<b>Total Selected Countries</b>							
1998	7,808,257	485,944	8,294,201	1,765,944	3,698,427	2,627,151	202,679
1999	7,776,085	479,316	8,255,401	1,832,520	3,750,748	2,522,467	149,666
2000	8,026,700	580,499	8,607,199	1,961,339	3,875,220	2,564,600	206,040

1/ Calendar year for all countries.

2/ U.S. production data represents California only.

3/ U.S. exports and imports are from the Bureau of the Census with forecasts by the Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA.

SOURCES: U.S. Agricultural Attaché Reports, Bureau of the Census, NASS/USDA.