

# Fresh Peaches and Cherries: World Markets and Trade

## Fresh Peach/Nectarine 2016/17 Highlights

**World** peach and nectarine production is forecast to remain flat at 20.0 million metric tons as gains in China are offset by losses in the European Union (EU), Turkey, and the United States. Global trade is projected down on sharp drops in Belarus imports and exports.

**China's** production is forecast to continue its upward trend, increasing 300,000 tons to 13.5 million due in large part to additional plantings coming into production. Record exports are expected for a third consecutive year, climbing 14,000 tons to 100,000 on higher shipments to Russia and Vietnam.

**United States'** production is expected to decline again for the sixth straight year, sliding 35,000 tons to 863,000. Freestone full bloom in California occurred approximately a week ahead of schedule with fruit set reported as variable, and some growers reported below-average

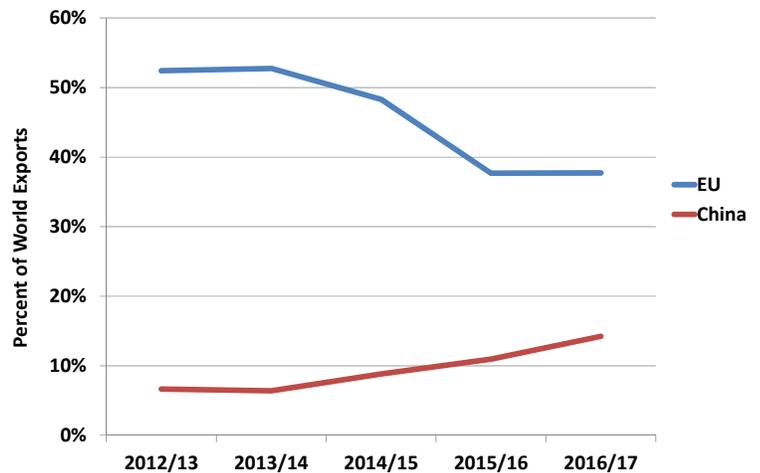
yields due to a warm winter and lack of water. On the East Coast, early spring frost damage lowered production in many producing states. Exports are forecast up slightly to 75,000 tons as shipments to Canada experience a marginal rise yet remain fairly flat to other top markets. Imports are expected up 4,000 tons to 42,000 on data showing higher trade with Chile.

**EU's** production is projected to fall 217,000 tons to 3.7 million as unfavorable weather lowered yields in top producers Spain and Italy. Exports are forecast down 11 percent to 265,000 tons as Russian's ban on imports from certain countries, extended through 2017, continues to affect EU trade. Imports are slated to rise slightly to 30,000 tons on lower available domestic supplies.

**Turkey's** production is projected to drop 50,000 tons to 510,000 due to a spring freeze in the northwest province of Bursa. Exports are forecast to rise 4,000 tons to 55,000 as higher shipments to Iraq and Eastern Europe more than offset lost trade with Russia following its January 1, 2016, ban on Turkish peaches.

**Chile's** production is forecast down 10,000 tons to 130,000 as planting area continues to decline in favor of more profitable crops. Exports are expected down similarly, dropping 6,000 tons to 80,000.

**China Peach Exports Gaining Market Share While EU Flattens**



**Japan's** production is anticipated to rebound from last year's weather-damaged crop and rise 8,000 tons to 130,000 despite the continued dwindling of planted area.

**Australia's** production is slated to remain flat at 90,000 tons due to low domestic prices and subdued demand. Exports are expected to rise 5,000 tons to 15,000 on higher exports to China resulting from a bilateral trade agreement signed in May 2016. Imports are forecast to keep pace with exports, rising a modest 2,000 tons to 8,000 mostly due to new shipments from China stemming from the agreement.

**Russia's** imports are forecast to continue their decline, dropping 20,000 tons to 180,000 as shipments from Belarus decline and Russia's ban on fruit from certain countries is extended through 2017.

## Fresh Cherry 2016/17 Highlights

**World** cherry production is forecast to remain steady at 3.0 million metric tons as losses in the EU and Turkey offset gains in China. Global exports are projected up 50,000 tons to 412,000 on higher demand in the EU and Hong Kong.

**EU's** production is forecast down 81,000 tons to 655,000 as growth in top growers Poland and Spain is more than offset by losses in Italy and Greece due to adverse growing conditions. Exports are projected to plunge nearly 40 percent, dropping 18,000 tons to 30,000 on lower exports to Belarus and Moldova. Imports are expected to surge over 60 percent, rising 23,000 tons to 60,000 as lower domestic supplies drive increased shipments from Turkey.

**Turkey's** production is expected to drop 90,000 tons to 475,000 due to frost damage during flowering. However, exports are forecast to surge 30 percent to 90,000 tons on higher demand from the EU.

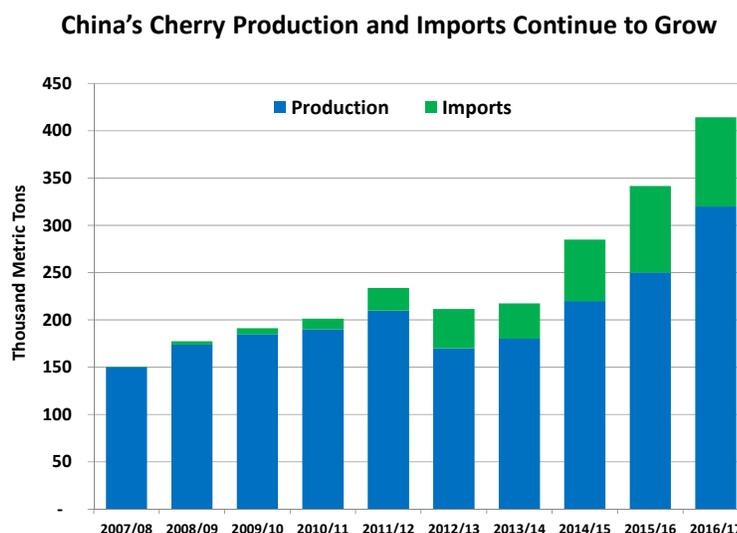
**United States'** production is anticipated to remain flat at 419,000 tons as a rebound in Michigan production is offset by lower production in Washington due to poor pollination. Exports are forecast up a marginal 2,000 tons to 77,000 on higher exports to some Asian markets. Imports are down slightly to 13,000 tons because of lower available product from Chile at the beginning of 2016.

**China's** production is expected to jump nearly 30 percent, rising 70,000 tons to 320,000 as new plantings continue to reach maturity and a warm spring in the north prompts higher yield. Imports are forecast up only slightly to 95,000 tons as a result of fewer available supplies from Chile at the beginning of 2016.

**Chile's** cherry production is forecast to surge 32,000 tons to 135,000, as plantings rebound from the previous year's adverse weather and new trees come into production. Exports are expected up similarly, rising 26,000 tons to 110,000 on strong demand in China (to be reflected in China's 2017/18 imports).

**Japan's** production is forecast up slightly to 19,500 tons on good weather during flowering and fruit maturing. Sluggish consumer demand is projected to keep imports flat at 5,000 tons.

**Russia's** imports are projected higher at 80,000 tons as shipments from Azerbaijan more than offset lower shipments from Belarus.



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### **Marketing Years:**

**Peaches/Nectarines** - Northern Hemisphere countries are on a January-December year. Southern Hemisphere countries are on a November-October year indicated as the first year of the split year.

**Cherries** - Northern Hemisphere countries are on a January-December year. Southern Hemisphere countries are on a November-October year indicated as the first year of the split year.

## Peaches and Nectarines Summary

(1,000 Metric Tons)

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sep 2016/17
<b>Production</b>						
China	11,500	11,430	11,900	12,784	13,200	13,500
European Union	4,250	3,832	3,731	4,055	3,953	3,736
United States	1,150	1,039	953	946	898	863
Turkey	520	550	550	500	560	510
Argentina	285	290	292	290	290	290
Brazil	222	233	218	220	220	220
South Africa	157	176	174	170	170	170
Mexico	167	163	161	160	160	160
Chile	153	149	91	137	140	130
Japan	140	135	125	137	122	130
Other	347	327	315	289	287	287
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,891</b>	<b>18,323</b>	<b>18,509</b>	<b>19,688</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>19,996</b>
<b>Fresh Dom. Consumption</b>						
China	9,861	9,733	10,183	10,719	10,914	10,900
European Union	3,265	2,704	2,877	2,733	2,817	2,719
United States	632	551	432	472	433	430
Turkey	367	387	396	341	390	335
Brazil	249	257	237	243	242	240
Russia	282	295	281	255	229	210
Mexico	202	194	194	186	186	190
Other	907	953	922	900	857	887
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,765</b>	<b>15,073</b>	<b>15,522</b>	<b>15,849</b>	<b>16,067</b>	<b>15,910</b>
<b>For Processing</b>						
China	1,600	1,650	1,680	2,000	2,200	2,500
European Union	689	774	558	972	828	762
United States	464	431	459	412	430	400
Argentina	211	211	211	211	211	211
Turkey	120	120	120	120	120	120
Australia	37	37	20	10	10	10
Chile	3	3	3	5	5	5
Other	18	18	15	16	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,142</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>3,746</b>	<b>3,806</b>	<b>4,013</b>
<b>Imports</b>						
Russia	250	265	248	225	200	180
Belarus	11	22	37	82	170	120
Canada	51	46	48	40	41	45
United States	47	40	37	23	38	42
Kazakhstan	25	31	31	46	37	35
Mexico	35	32	33	26	26	30
European Union	31	32	32	26	28	30
Switzerland	31	33	32	31	34	30
Ukraine	40	69	36	42	17	25
Vietnam	21	22	10	16	22	25
Other	124	123	136	107	89	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>650</b>
<b>Exports</b>						
European Union	309	366	308	357	297	265
China	39	47	37	65	86	100
Chile	96	93	43	84	86	80
Belarus	0	3	19	55	150	75
United States	101	97	100	86	73	75
Turkey	33	44	34	39	51	55
South Africa	13	14	16	19	20	20
Australia	6	8	7	9	10	15
Uzbekistan	28	21	15	20	12	15
Argentina	6	7	2	4	1	2
Other	1	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>704</b>

Note: The marketing year begins in January of the first year for Northern Hemisphere countries and November of the first year for Southern Hemisphere countries.

## Fresh Cherries Summary

(1,000 Metric Tons)

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sep 2016/17
<b>Production</b>						
European Union	834	622	724	758	736	655
Turkey	400	500	510	465	565	475
United States	404	418	401	462	419	419
China	210	170	180	220	250	320
Ukraine	246	245	282	280	280	280
Russia	267	255	278	278	278	278
Uzbekistan	88	126	140	140	140	140
Chile	86	65	86	127	103	135
Serbia	119	97	126	126	126	126
Syria	62	82	62	62	62	62
Other	105	104	117	114	115	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>3,006</b>
<b>Fresh Dom. Consumption</b>						
China	224	209	214	280	336	407
European Union	530	377	401	422	415	377
Russia	347	332	363	347	352	358
Turkey	209	289	301	260	341	230
United States	184	214	142	170	171	150
Ukraine	96	93	126	129	129	129
Uzbekistan	74	121	123	123	135	110
Other	356	371	359	394	390	397
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>2,123</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>2,158</b>
<b>For Processing</b>						
European Union	314	262	328	339	310	307
United States	169	116	202	218	188	205
Turkey	144	155	155	155	155	155
Ukraine	147	150	152	150	150	150
China	10	2	4	5	6	8
Chile	4	4	4	8	6	8
Canada	4	6	6	5	5	5
Other	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>840</b>
<b>Imports</b>						
China	24	42	38	65	92	95
Hong Kong	32	46	32	58	63	80
Russia	80	76	85	69	74	80
European Union	40	47	50	42	37	60
Canada	33	37	25	30	24	30
Belarus	2	3	8	12	44	15
United States	20	13	10	13	14	13
Korea, South	5	10	9	13	13	10
Taiwan	12	15	9	12	9	10
Japan	10	11	7	5	5	5
Other	7	4	6	4	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Exports</b>						
Chile	71	51	67	103	84	110
Turkey	47	57	54	50	69	90
United States	71	101	67	88	75	77
European Union	30	30	43	39	48	30
Uzbekistan	14	5	17	17	5	30
Azerbaijan	3	7	4	10	12	20
Serbia	11	11	19	12	8	20
Canada	7	8	6	9	14	15
Belarus	0	1	3	7	38	10
Australia	1	3	3	4	6	5
Other	16	15	18	12	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>412</b>

Note: The marketing year begins in January of the first year for Northern Hemisphere countries and November of the first year for Southern Hemisphere countries. Fresh cherries includes sweet and sour cherries.