

Mango: it is time for Palmer



Processing time of mango Palmer variety, that occurs from January until March in the southeast of Brazil, gave signals already in the end of December last year with a small volume of fresh fruit available with Brix around 14; due to excess of rain that is reaching the country since last month, including the processing area, Brix is paying to go up and reach reference values of 17, that's because fruit swollen up with water faster than the peel can support the new fruit's size, causing crack and following from trees.

Besides, with La Niña influence, forecast of rain must remain above historical average level of the region, according to Brazilian "Hortifruit" magazine of December 2010, what tends to jeopardize flower induction, that happens from March until April, aiming 2011/2012 season already.

Problems with Brazilian cashew nuts crop

The harvest of cashew nuts in Brazil is still very complicated, which means forced vacations for some processors and all of them working below capacity.

So, people of the sector are mobilized to achieve with the Brazilian government to release greater volumes of cashew nut in natura for import since this product suffers strict restrictions to enter the country due to health requirements.

Other claim of the processors is that Brazil must have an emergency firm plan for renewal of cashew trees once they are old and so the process of productivity losses is gradual.



Good expectations for red grape

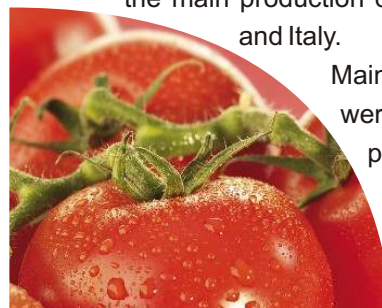
The Brazilian red grape harvest for industrial production should begin in the coming days; with good weather conditions and minimum price of fruit, that is regulated by Brazilian authorities, adjusted 13% up comparing to last year, growers are encouraged and hopeful that they will forget last season when they suffered losses in quantity and quality.



Tomato: Look at 2010 offers – 2010, not 2009

Chinese tomato paste is now also available for our customers in Americas, not only in Brazil anymore, since last October; we are selling HB 30/32 Brix product, aseptic, in drums or bins, or other specifications like HB 28/30, CB 36/38 Brix, as per client's needs, 2010 season.

It is important to mention that the product has 2010 production from July on, which season had suffered reduction in the main production countries: United States, China and Italy.



Mainly problems faced by producers were competition with cotton's good prices and climate difficulties; keep this information in mind and let us know your needs of Chinese product.



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