

Chile: Blueberry season update

The Chilean Blueberry committee has published reports on their exports. If we compare the export statistics of the beginning of this season 2017/2018 to the same weeks of the previous season 2016/2017, the total tonnage exported in November was much lower. However, from week 50 on this completely changed. As you can see from the graph below, during week 50 a total of 8.889 tons was exported compared to 8.019 tons during week 50 of the previous season. In week 51, a greater volume of 10.820 tons has been exported compared to 8.910 tons.

Week	From	To	Weekly Shipments					
			2016/17 Season	Actual 2017-18				
				Total	U.S./Canada	Europe	Far East	Other
NOV	30-Oct	5-Nov	1.551	424	241	74	106	2
45	6-Nov	12-Nov	2.948	744	446	168	123	8
46	13-Nov	19-Nov	4.913	1.329	906	219	197	7
47	20-Nov	26-Nov	10.942	2.495	1.836	408	247	4
48	27-Nov	3-Dec	8.305	3.945	2.727	837	360	21
DEC	4-Dec	10-Dec	8.741	6.688	3.900	1.931	849	7
50	11-Dec	17-Dec	8.019	8.889	5.159	2.015	1.692	24
51	18-Dec	24-Dec	8.910	10.820	6.330	2.530	1.932	27
52	25-Dec	31-Dec	4.427	-	-	-	-	-
JAN	1-Jan	7-Jan	10.123	-	-	-	-	-
2	8-Jan	14-Jan	8.343	-	-	-	-	-
3	15-Jan	21-Jan	7.161	-	-	-	-	-
4	22-Jan	28-Jan	6.067	-	-	-	-	-
Season total			103.659	35.836	21.829	8.207	5.692	108

In the last update the committee has published, it is explained that in week 51 it was first expected to ship around 10.00 tons. However, this has been exceeded to a volume of 10.820 tons. "Of this total, 5,975 tons were destined to the USA (58.5%). This means that this volume will be arriving in week 1 in this market, however, this week already began an important arrival of around 4,000 tons, corresponding to shipments of week 50."

It is mentioned that in week 50, Europe and the Far East were important import markets for the conventional fresh blueberries. The organic offer was mostly sent to the USA.

There is no update with actual statistics for week 52 yet, however, it was expected to be between 7.000 and 8.000 tons. This lower volume is due to the end-of-year holidays according to the Committee, which decreases the number of working days. Still, compared to the amount of 4.427 tons in week 52 in the previous season, it's a big increase.

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