



## North Island

Local supermarkets have apricot, cherry, nectarine and peach, with only one gate sale retailer having plums as well. All the fruit looked to be in good condition. Rainfall amounts were a little less than predicted, but not zero and PET a little better than we thought. The cold front that went through on Sunday afternoon was no more than a nuisance.

For the coming week there is no real rain predicted, a warming trend to the weekend and potential evapotranspiration values of 3-5 mm/day. That starts to sound a little more like summer. Growing degree days seem to have settled into a steady pattern of constant but not increasing accumulation.

Volumes of fruit are starting to build now. Marlborough and Central Otago cherry can now be seen in North Island retailers.

## South Island

Marlborough predicted and actual weather conditions were similar, excepting the higher PET than suggested. There may have been a good bit of wind to have 7mm of water move through the trees, which following the dry conditions of late will have irrigation turned on.

Central Otago has generally had maximum temperatures in the mid-teens and low twenties with no rain, in line with the forecasts. The coming week should be similar to last week and we are expecting higher PET of up to 8mm/day.

PET in both South Island production areas is following a steady pattern of accumulation as well with no big increases in the near-term forecasts.

## cherries

LOW

MED

HIGH

- Sonnet and Santina are in the final picks in Hawkes Bay, with Rainier and a few Lapins being picked from early orchards. With a few warm days HB Lapins could be available in more volume towards the end of this week.
- In Marlborough Rosan harvest is finishing with Chelan, Sonnet and Santina to start very soon. Lapins is just a few more days away from starting harvest. The quality of fruit from Blenheim looks very good.
- Central Otago is picking the early varieties such as Fulfur and Picnic plus Rosann. Later this week Santina and Sonnet should start which will fill up the pipeline in time for Christmas. Rainier is expected later this week. The weather conditions have been conducive for growing quality fruit, and the warm days are being welcomed.
- Early starters are well into dawning and thinking about a bit of Stella.

## apricots

LOW

MED

HIGH

- There is a tiny bit of apricot in Central Otago but not enough to travel out of region. Hawkes Bay has finished Royal Rosa and other early varieties harvest, with Sundrop starting in the early blocks just now.
- Available volumes will remain low until South Island Sundrop supply becomes available early next year.

## nectarines

LOW

MED

HIGH

- Rose Diamond, Arctic White and the few remaining Armredark are in the system. There are building volumes of Early Star now, which should be available for the next 10 days.
- Honey Fire is available in reasonably good volumes.
- Spring Bright will be hopefully available by Christmas.

## peaches

LOW

MED

HIGH

- There is a little Springcrest, plus Spring Lady and Caroline available. Spring Fire seems to be all sold. A very limited volume of Mellow Yellow will start harvest this week.
- Supply of peaches will tighten a bit more as we wait for Rich Lady to mature mid to late next week.
- The quality of peaches is said to be very good, almost in spite of the weather.

## plums

LOW

MED

HIGH

- There is still a little Red Beaut to sell and light volumes of Rose Zee.
- Black Diamond will start this week and be available for a few weeks.
- Purple Majesty is being thought about but is not yet ready to harvest. With a bit more sunshine harvest is anticipated to start in the week leading up to Christmas.