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<b>North Island</b>	Hawkes Bay weather could now give the tropics a run for their money. The humidity levels have been very high, and the days are certainly not cooling down. Forecasters predicted deluges, but some areas didn't get a drop. Much of the Bay's summerfruit has been devoured. The main fruit left still ripening on trees are Golden Queen and Beryl's Delight peaches, as well as Royal Star plums.
<b>South Island</b>	The change in weather has slowed ripening up – which suits everyone just fine. There's a nice little gap between the North and South Island now. It's going to be an early finish to the season, so retailers are well advised to make the most of summerfruit in their stores while 'ye' can.

## cherries

The cherry season has now finished.

## apricots

LOW

Med

High

The apricot season is done and dusted – all that remains are some late Nevis fruit.

- **Nevis** – from CO; this will be the last week for Nevis.

## nectarines

Low

MED

High

Central Otago's late nectarines will start to be harvested at the end of next week. As the season's drawing to an early close, help your customers have another soon-to-be final fling with these beautiful-looking morsels.

- **Orion/Venus/Summer Bright** – from CO; available now, will finish next week.
- **Bon Bon** – from CO; picking now and will go for another two weeks.
- **August Fire** – from HB; will sell into next week. A great eater and of good size.
- **Valentine** – from HB; last of this little beauty this week – very appropriate for Valentine's Day!

## peaches

Low

MED

High

Hawkes Bay Golden Queens will be picking next week. Keep an eye out for peacharines – they're a late summer specialty.

- **Elegant Lady** – from CO; the very last of this widely-planted variety this week.
- **Otago Pink series** – from CO; white flesh. Available for another 10-12 days.
- **Golden Queen** – from HB; picking next week.
- **Golden Tatura/Tatura Belle/Tatura Star** – from CO; harvesting now, and will be in the market for two weeks.
- **Early O'Henry** – from CO; picking is now finished but is still available in the markets.
- **Plus Plus** – from CO; a week away from harvest. Will run for about three weeks once it starts to be picked.
- **Black Boy** – from HB; a niche peach and sought after for its wonderful bottling properties. Fruit is of a smaller size profile.
- **Peacharines** – from Mangaweka and CO; CO harvesting now, Mangaweka's peacharines are still 10 days away.

## plums

Low

Med

HIGH

'If heaven above lets fall a plum, open your mouth' – Chinese proverb. A very apt for the start of the Chinese New Year!

- **Autumn Honey** – from HB; a new variety, last few days of this one.
- **Humdinger** – from HB; good size fruit, and available now but in light volumes.
- **Omega** – from Gisborne and HB; prices firm, as supply is shortening. **CO's Omegas** will be available from next week.
- **Fortune** – from CO; finishing late this week.
- **Freedom** – from CO; in markets next week. HB Freedom's will be around for another week.
- **Angelino** – from HB and CO; HB available for another week. CO's Angelinos are coming on mid next week.

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