



market update



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North Island	<p>The supply of summer fruit out of Hawkes Bay while not complete was nearing that point when Cyclone Gabrielle visited. Since then there has been the tail end of some nectarines such as August Fire and August Red and Golden Queen Peaches. There are still plums on trees to be picked.</p> <p>Our Mangaweka supplier is continuing to harvest and will extend the North Island supply well into March. Growing Degree Days across the Plains range are about 1100 to over 1200 units and are as bad as has been experienced in the last 5 seasons. While the forecast doesn't have any real rain for the next week there is no good solid sunshine either. There is an autumnal feeling now which seems reasonable as its now March.</p>
South Island	<p>There is also an autumnal feeling in Central Otago as witnessed by the cooler night temperatures. The growing season has been an absolute cracker which is reflecting in the quality of the fruit from here. Cromwell and Clyde GDD's at 920 units are not far off those from Twyford. Ettrick is sitting on 897 units which could be described as absolutely fantastic. There will be fresh summer fruit available for another 3-4 weeks and a bit longer from the Waitaki Valley orchards.</p> <p>The week coming will have mild days and evenings with a dip into cooler nights on occasion. There is a sprinkling of rain in the forecast, maybe enough to settle the dust. Harvest seems to be under control with enough workers and the cooler nights slowing the ripening process. All very normal.</p>

cherries	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ There is still the very occasional supplier with cherries, but in essence they are now finished.			
apricots	LOW	MED	HIGH
➤ The last of the Nevis variety is or has been picked and is moving to stores. Eating quality is amazing so if you need a hit before the end, now is the last opportunity.			
nectarines	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nectarines are all from Central Otago now with a good range still available. ➤ Bon Bon is being picked and Late Star is now finishing. CalRed will be picked this week and then August Red and Summer Blush next week. This will be followed by August Fire in a couple of weeks. ➤ Supply should be reasonable for another 3-4 weeks, before tapering off. 			
peaches	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are Golden Queens on trees in Hawkes Bay but these are not really suitable for a normal supply chain scenario. These non-melting peaches are also available from Central Otago. ➤ Peacharines are available from Central Otago and soon from Mangaweka. ➤ The last Flatto are in the stores, complimented by Plus Plus, a little Honey Water and Tatura Star. ➤ There is Golden Queens yet to be picked near Ettrick with these probably destined for local supply. 			
plums	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hawkes Bay is selling the last of the Royal Star, there is Omega in the market and Malone harvest is about 2 weeks away. ➤ Fortune has now cleared the supply chain. ➤ From the later harvest areas there is Freedom, Black Amber, Black Doris, and a little Greengage available. Central Otago grown Omega will be available for a couple of weeks. ➤ Angelino harvest is about 10-12 days away. 			

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Note: The information supplied is based on communication with summerfruit growers, marketers, retailers and other relevant industry parties Information supplied on cherries, apricots, nectarines, peaches and plums can alter after publishing due to unexpected weather events, market forces, and other events relevant to the industry. Seek daily advice on supply from your summerfruit supplier.