



market update



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North Island	<p>The sentiment in the market is reported as being a bit slow or OK or as would be expected. Fair enough considering the weather in the major markets and Hawkes Bay as a production area. It's not been so summery north of Hamilton where many of our customers live.</p> <p>Now that Hawkes Bay production is nearing the end the sun has come out and its been hot, with a number of days at or over 30°C. The region has been warm or hot, with warm evenings and no significant rain and evapotranspiration (ET) in the 3-5 mm per day range. Too late for most of the crops but there are still some late season plums that may benefit if this pattern was to continue.</p> <p>That said the industry is keeping an eye on the potential deep low that is forming in the Coral Sea.</p>
South Island	<p>Central Otago is looking to a gentler period after about three weeks of 30° days. The fruit is said to be in very good condition, but the people are feeling a bit cooked. Growing degree days are easily the best of the last five seasons. It's been hot and warm, warm nights with a touch of rain. More rain would be appreciated. ET has been in the 4-8 mm/day range. The week coming will be cooler, some evenings with temperatures under 10°C and maybe some snow in the high country. More rain than is predicted is wanted by growers.</p>

cherries	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There are still good quality cherries to be bought, but not for much longer. All meaningful harvest has finished. The final deliveries are going out to stores now and will be moved through the system this week. ➤ After this week there may be some dribs and drabs. 			
apricots	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Growers are now finishing Clutha Gold packing as all this variety has been now picked. The Nevis series are both being picked and shipped in the earlier Central Otago areas, and the later harvest areas will start Nevis harvest at the end of the week or early next. ➤ The visual and eating quality is very good. There is plenty of fruit, but it will not last for too much longer. 			
nectarines	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hawkes Bay is finalizing the last sales of Honey nectarines, Late Star and Sweet August. The classic style August Fire and Valentine will be around for a week. The light volume of scruffy fruit is being replaced by Central Otago nectarines. ➤ Central Otago has a good number of varieties that are being picked at present. Honey style Mid Star and Honey Glo are moving through and Late Star will be available soon. There are some white fleshed varieties such as Bright Pearl being picked or soon to be so. ➤ Other varieties available include Fantasia, Summer Bright and Red Gold. Next up are Orion, Fantasia in mid-season areas, and Venus. 			
peaches	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The only peaches available from Hawkes Bay are Tatura Star, and there are not so many of these. We wait to see how the tropical depression will impact Golden Queens. ➤ Peacharines are being picked, and some are being bypassed as recovery rates are too low. ➤ Flatto whites and golds are available as is Coconut Ice for a little longer. Sweet Dream and Tropical Candy is nearing the end and Flamecrest is mid harvest. Flamecrest and Rome Star should be available this week and next. ➤ The volume in general is not high but market demands are being met. 			
plums	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hawkes Bay is starting Angelino and Freedom with Autumn Honey and Black Diamond sales about ¾ completed. ➤ Central Otago is well into Fortune supply and Greengage is under way. ➤ Later varieties of plums will be available into March. 			

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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.