



# market update



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<b>North Island</b>	Pastoral and cropping farmers have enjoyed the rain and it will mean money in the bank for them. But for growers of early cherries and apricots – enough rain for now thanks. The first of the firmer cherries are nearly ready for harvest – we will see how bad the splitting is in the next few days. Early peaches are starting now and looking good. Are we a little late or a little early compared to normal; a bit of both seems to be the consensus. Still we are well underway now, volumes are small but will begin to build next week.
<b>South Island</b>	Blenheim cherry growers have also had enough of the wet stuff. The season here seems to be a little ahead of normal, and on a par or slightly ahead of Hawkes Bay timing. Central Otago cherries have yet to start.

cherries	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Last of the <b>Earlise</b> from HB is in the market now with very little yet to be picked. Will be rain affected.</li> <li>➤ Last of <b>Samba</b> from Blenheim has been picked. Quality reported to be very good.</li> <li>➤ <b>Rosann</b> – midway through harvest in Blenheim in early parts with others picking end of this week. Starting in HB at week end. Volumes affected by rain.</li> <li>➤ <b>Burlat</b> from Central Otago picking next week. Very small quantities grown, so very limited supply. A little later down here than normal.</li> <li>➤ Temperatures for next week in Central Otago are looking warm, which bodes well for good sugar levels and bringing harvest timing towards normal.</li> </ul>			
apricots	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Royal Rosa</b> from Bay View in full swing, looking good and eating well. Fruit picked recently will have lower pack outs due to the recent rain. Other HB areas coming into volume picks soon.</li> <li>➤ Early days yet but HB <b>Sundrop</b> could be well timed for the Christmas market.</li> </ul>			
nectarines	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mayglo</b> is in full swing at present, with quality and quantity good.</li> <li>➤ Anticipating harvest of <b>Armredark</b> next week, <b>Rose Diamond</b> possibly at the end of next week and <b>Diamond Bright</b> is 7-10 days away. Some <b>Classic</b> branded nectarines maybe harvested in a week.</li> </ul>			
peaches	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The small block of <b>Camden</b> has begun harvest as has the <b>Gold Crest</b>. Very small quantities of these peaches are grown, so very limited supply.</li> <li>➤ <b>Spring Fire</b> is being picked now.</li> <li>➤ <b>Spring White</b> starting at the end of this week.</li> <li>➤ I saw the first volumes of <b>Spring Crest</b> being delivered to a pack house this morning. Looked good and had a good peach aroma. Volumes will pick up next week.</li> </ul>			
plums	LOW	MED	HIGH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Red Beaut</b> starting next week.</li> <li>➤ <b>Rose Zee</b> are at least 7 days away.</li> </ul>			

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