



market update



6 February 2019

Overview	<p>Supply on the New Zealand market is tightening as Hawkes Bay finishes production of some fruit types. The smaller Central Otago volumes are coming through to all markets. A lift in prices is being seen reflecting the supply.</p> <p>The fruit that I saw today was mostly very good. Blemish on apricot is to be expected, and cool stored white peaches were reflecting harvest time and the wet period in which they were picked.</p> <p>The change over from North Island to South Island supply seems to have gone smoothly.</p>
North Island	Growing degree days (GDD) are average to above average for the week just gone with no rain. The next week may have an odd shower with generally good warm growing conditions.
South Island	Cherry all but finished, mid-season apricots are coming to the end and soon the late Nevis series fruit will start, if it hasn't already. Peach, nectarine and plums are being supplied but the volumes are not huge. A general lift in prices is being seen. GDD are average, with warm to hot days and cool nights, and this is the expected pattern for the coming week. There has been wind and a little rain in places.

cherries	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Just a few bits and bobs to go – all ex cool store.

apricots	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Varieties available include **Vulcan**, **Clutha Sun** and **Clutha Gold** from storage and late orchards. **Southern Cross** will be starting soon as will the earliest of the **Nevis** series. Tighter supply is being reflected in a lift in prices.
- Supply is tightening as some growers finish harvest, and we are waiting for the late varieties to start. This gap in supply to markets is not ideal.

nectarines	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Harvest and sending on most of Hawkes Bay's non-IP nectarines is finished.
- **Late Star** from HB will be the major supply item, along with **Sweet August**, and then only for the next 5-7 days. Classic style nectarines from HB are finished.
- Central Otago has **Spring Bright** selling now, and is starting **Venus**, **Orin**, **Rom Star** and **Summer Bright**, or will be shortly.
- Anticipating some **Fantasia** and **Pearl** nectarines at the end of this week or into next week. Some sweet-flavoured **Valentine** will start harvest this weekend.
- Supply is not keeping up with demand.

peaches	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- **Golden Belle** and a little **Golden Star** are in the market and selling at a premium to other peaches. As with the nectarines the non-IP fruit is all but finished from Hawkes Bay.
- Not all the **Golden Belle** and **Golden Star** are holding as well as was hoped. Let's hope the Golden Queens are more robust.
- **Blazing Star** is being sourced from the South Island. **Flatto** a white-fleshed peach will be picked at the end of this week.
- We are not seeing the lift in peach price that is being experienced for nectarines.

plums	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Generally, there are still plenty of plums available from both growing regions. There are more varieties to come yet in a season that will go all through February and into March.
- From Hawkes Bay cool stored **Primetime** and **Fortune** will be finishing very shortly as is the **Black Doris** that is suitable for local market. The last of the **Amber Jewel** supply will be in the next few days.
- **Omega** from Hawkes Bay may start harvest this weekend and then into next week. We can anticipate the start of **Autumn Honey** next week and **Angeleno** after that.
- One of our Central Otago growers will have **Greengage** in his stall next week.

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