



<b>North Island</b>	<p>Summer most certainly arrived this last week in Hawkes Bay. The Growing Degree Day (GDD) accumulation is now the same in Bay View as this time last season on 609 units but still behind the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Twyford is on 550 units with a similar outtake to Bay View. The Longlands weather station is on 670 units which is ahead of last year and catching the 2020 year. Bay View has had 10mm of rain over the week in two different events, temperatures in the high 20's and evapotranspiration in the range of 5mm/day. Longlands has had very high temperatures, including 35°C on Christmas day, which has driven ET to 5-7mm/day, and very little rain.</p> <p>These temperatures have advanced fruit maturity, closer to what would be considered the normal window. The coming week is cooler and a little wetter, perhaps 10mm of rain for the period. Potential evapotranspiration (PET) will stay high at 4-5mm/day.</p>
<b>South Island</b>	<p>Marlborough's dream run of weather continues, and with harvest finishing there is 12 mm of rain predicted to freshen up the trees.</p> <p>Central Otago accumulated heat units are as good as it has been for the last few seasons. Maximum daily temperatures have ranged from 16°C to 32°C. PET has been 2-4mm/day in the more southern areas and 3-5mm/day for Alexandra and Cromwell. There has been 8mm in Cromwell, 20mm in the Clyde/Alexandra area and 25mm in Roxburgh. For the coming week there is more rain in the forecast, moderate temperatures and PET of 4-5mm/day.</p>

<b>cherries</b>	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Hawkes Bay has finished picking and packing cherries.
- Marlborough has a little bit to tidy up and this will stay local for gate sales. Growers will now move to large cut pruning when the weather is dry. In summary, this was a very good season.
- Central Otago is today evaluating the level of splitting that has occurred from this last week's rain. Harvest will recommence when the economic decisions have been made. Correspondents are suggesting that some fruit, but not the crop of mature varieties might be split. Varieties that are ready for harvest include Samba, Stella, Santina and Dawson, Sweetheart, Lapins and Kordia.

<b>apricots</b>	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Hawkes Bay Sundrop is in the market now, and the hot temperatures have brought forward Clutha Gold. Volumes from here will still be low. Kyoto is due early in the new year.
- Available volumes will remain low until South Island Sundrop supply becomes available early next year, picking from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January is the best estimate at this stage with the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> for the fruit to be on shelves in the major markets.

<b>nectarines</b>	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Diamond Bright is now largely finished with Early Star sales concluding. Spring Bright is being picked now along with the white fleshed Chrystal and Queen Giant in Hawkes Bay.
- Honey Fire is available in reasonably good volumes still. Next week the picking of Honey Royale and Mid Star will commence.
- Small volumes of Central Otago nectarines are starting, such as Turquoise which will remain for local sales. Diamond Bright will start next week.

<b>peaches</b>	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Coraline and Spring Lady from Hawkes Bay are now finished for the season. Rich Lady and Improved Flavorcrest are being harvested now.
- Central Otago has begun Spring Crest, Spring Lady and Crown Princess picks. The harvested fruit will stay local.

<b>plums</b>	LOW	MED	HIGH
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- Rose Zee sales are finishing in Hawkes Bay and harvest commencing in Central Otago.
- Black Diamond is in the market and will continue for a while yet.
- Purple Majesty has been and continues to be harvested. There is a tiny bit of Fortune from early orchards available, with the main harvest 7-10 days away.

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