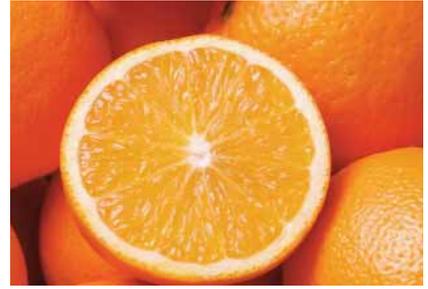


## Food Briefs National



- ❖ Government is taking measures to tap chilly exports potential of 90,000 tonnes a year, which can help the country earn \$47 million in foreign exchange.
- ❖ The hybrid coarse varieties, sown in April in the central Punjab area, have gained an almost 50% price increase from Rs600 to Rs900 per 40kg in the month of September.
- ❖ In order to achieve zero hunger targets in the country, Ministry for National Food Security and Research, stated that draft of

- ❖ National Food Security Policy had been finalized.
- ❖ As many as 185 companies have been incorporated from Sept 15, 2015 to Sept 27, 2016 in corporate farming. Most of them are in seed, fish farming, poultry, livestock and feed.
- ❖ According to the Pakistan Fruit and Vegetable exporters this year kinnow is of high quality and the crop is expected to fetch a little above \$ 220M.

- ❖ The sugarcane production for 2016 was estimated at 71.8 million tons from an area of 1.223 million hectares. The rice crop of 2016 was estimated at 7.8 million tons from an area of 2.66 million hectares.
- ❖ According to the agricultural department officials, Pakistan needs over 50,000 tonnes of seed for potatoes and only 10% of which is imported anyway. They are hopeful that average target of sowing 400,000 acreage would be achieved. ◆

## Food Briefs International

- ❖ Using Biopac modified atmosphere plastic (Map) Liners and a new carton box from Orora, For the first time Queensland broccoli producers have been able to export Australian broccoli to Dubai without ice
- ❖ China working on the development of agricultural drones. These can keep an eye on the crops, and they can make sure they are sprayed in time.
- ❖ Fresh-cut, ready-to-eat bananas could soon be available on supermarket shelves with ground-breaking, shelf-life extension treatment developed by FOOD Freshly®, the German specialist in Bio preservation for fruits and vegetables.
- ❖ As per a recent trade agreement between Italy and Canada, ten table grape exporters in the Italian region of Puglia have been given the green

- ❖ signal to ship their fruit directly to Canada for the first time.
- ❖ According to Investment Promotion Agency, Kyrgyzstan produces 800,000 tons of fruit and vegetables annually, agriculture accounts for 14% of GDP, and 30% of Kyrgyzstan's population is engaged in this sector.
- ❖ According to the research of an interagency group of experts, biological stimulation with various types of lasers, and within certain irradiation parameters, can benefit planting in adverse conditions affected by UV radiation, drought, cold, salinity, or metal contamination.
- ❖ Following a suspension of almost months, Moroccan citrus resumed exports to the US Market according to the ONSSA, Morocco's National Food Safety Office.

- ❖ According to a keynote speaker at the Global GAP Summit 2016 digitalization, 3D food printing, vertical farms and insect production will shape the agricultural industry of the future.
- ❖ Regardless of the issues of phytosanitary the Philippine bananas entering the Chinese market, but there are some regulations.
- ❖ The temporary ban on some of the Turkish agriculture imports has been lifted by the Russian authorities including items such as fresh and dried oranges, tangerines and other citrus, peaches, apricots and plums
- ❖ Scientists at MIT, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the US, have developed a handheld device that gauges the ripeness of an apple by measuring the glow of chlorophyll in the fruit's skin under ultraviolet light.

