

- ❖ According to US Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) predicts Australian cherry production in the 2013/14 season is expected to increase by 12%.
- ❖ Brazil poultry industry production and business models have brought phenomenal success, placing this country as the one of the largest supplier of poultry meat.
- ❖ Chile has suffered their worst frosts in 20 years, hitting production of almost all major fruit export lines.
- ❖ Germany exported 66,000 tonnes of wheat to Iran in May 2013, continuing the trend of large shipments to the country in recent months.
- ❖ The melon growers of Honduras seek to enhance its export capacity with the reduced risk of containers being returned due to phytosanitary problems.
- ❖ India's exports for soya meal are expected to reach as much as 5 million tonnes year beginning October 1, 2013. This increase is amounted to 25% compared to previous year, finding strong demand from Iran and Thailand.
- ❖ The International Sugar Organization (ISO) and analysts such as Datagro, Kingsman and Czarnikow has to revise their numbers as output is set to exceed earlier expectations in producers such as India, Thailand, the Philippines and Pakistan.
- ❖ A Japanese farmer Hiroichi Kimura has grown the world's first heart-shaped water melon.
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- ❖ Pakistan is now the fourth largest importer of Malaysian palm oil after China, India and EU. In 2012, Pakistan imported over 1.4 million tonnes of palm products from Malaysia valued at over USD1.3 billion.
- ❖ Papaya producers in Mexico aim to expand the export opportunities for their products and enter Europe's main markets, as stated by the Papaya AC.
- ❖ New Zealand has voluntarily suspended apple exports to China to resolve the issue of post-harvest rot, which was detected on three consignments of apples.
- ❖ In the first Pak-Nepal Joint Working Group meeting both the countries have identified wide range of areas for cooperation in the field of agriculture.
- ❖ Peru will be introducing six new pomegranate varieties to replace Wonderful the most commonly produced pomegranate variety in Peru.
- ❖ Annual production of juice products is increasing in Russia, and imported fruit concentrates are primarily used by the local companies. Virtually all Russian juice production (up to 85%) mainly refer to packaging activities.
- ❖ Brazil's table grape industry is anticipating 4% decline in export volumes this season, due to a rise in production costs. However, at the same time, the domestic Brazilian market is continuing to grow and is absorbing more fruit every year.
- ❖ Exports of Spanish-grown tomatoes increased during the first half of 2013. The overseas sales stood at 640,960 tonnes, up 9.5% year-on-year, mainly driven by EU demand and increased exports to Russia and Belarus. ◆

