

- ❖ The ban on Indian mangoes, two types of gourd, eggplant and taro plant came into effect on 1 May after authorities in Brussels found Indian exports contaminated with fruit flies last year.
- ❖ After a successful trial this year Agrobana a group of independent Ecuadorean banana producers has signed a deal to send direct shipments to China.
- ❖ The export campaigns of many Greek summer fruits are already underway. Cherries have seen a reduced production this year and this resulted in lower export volumes.
- ❖ Australian Table Grape Association chief executive Jeff Scott visited Japan as he was encouraged by the potential in this market.
- ❖ After 50 years in the apple business, Vicente Robles from the Mexican state of Chihuahua is cutting down most of his orchards.
- ❖ Export of Sicilian carrots have gone by 30 % due to availability of carrots in Holland and Denmark
- ❖ Turatti developed a revolutionary drying system for delicate produce. Eco- Dryer is a perfect solution to remove water from a variety of vegetables including baby leaves, thus improving their quality and extending shelf-life.
- ❖ In Switzerland, three quarters of the turnover generated by organic products is achieved by the retail giants Coop and Migros.
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- ❖ Dutch fresh produce company Cool Fresh International developed a project to find an effective post-harvest treatment against fungi, bacteria and viruses, using environmentally-friendly and biodegradable products which are completely safe for humans – both at production level as well as at consumer level.
- ❖ The space industry has started to think about how they will feed future interplanetary residents, and the current idea is to grow asparagus. ◆

