

- ❖ Tasmanian cherry growers were granted access to the China market last year, after the Premier brokered a deal with Chinese quarantine authorities during an earlier trade mission to Asia
- ❖ Australia's almond industry is booming as Asian demand for nuts soars. The estimated Australian almond harvest grew by 28,000 tonnes this year, up to 78,000 from 50,000 in 2012
- ❖ CITROMAX, a private company, located in the town of Santa Lucia, is dedicated to ship 150,000 Kilograms of blueberries to the European market and 250,000 kilograms to the U.S. market
- ❖ Parts of Chile have suffered their worst frosts in 20 years, hitting production of almost all major fruit export lines
- ❖ Ecuadorian banana corporation Agroban hopes a five week trial will act as a launch pad into the Chinese market. The trial has begun, with Agroban set to ship five containers of fresh bananas a week to a Chinese state-owned company until the end of December
- ❖ Switzerland based agri-business major Syngenta is piloting projects that offer complete solutions for seedless watermelon in Maharashtra and is currently developing Proof of Concept for pilots on cotton, grape and potato as well
- ❖ Food giant Nestle will shut a frozen food plant north of Paris after sales decreased due to a Europe-wide scandal that saw horsemeat find its way into processed products.
- ❖ Pakistan has stopped importing tomatoes from India and increased imports of the fruit from Iran. According to local media outlet The News International, traders have cited the price of Iranian tomatoes being lower than the ones from India as initiating the transition
- ❖ Japanese baby milk maker Meiji is suspending sales in China due to high costs and increased competition
- ❖ On the Kisima farm in Nanyuki, Kenya, at a height of 2500m, storage for seed potatoes has been created with a capacity of 1000 tons
- ❖ New Zealand apple exports to China have been voluntarily suspended while the industry works with officials to resolve the issue of post-harvest rot, which was detected on three consignments of apples to the People's Republic
- ❖ Researchers in Taiwan have developed a biochip capable of detecting several viruses in banana and potatoes
- ❖ Tesco, UK's biggest retailer has decided to cut nearly 60,000 tonnes of food wastage by its suppliers and shoppers each year to help tackle a growing environmental problem.
- ❖ Vietnam has registered a significant rise in its fresh fruit and vegetable exports for the first half of this year, which have risen by 46.7 % from the corresponding period in 2012.
- ❖ Russia has lifted an embargo on import of kinno from Pakistan. Minister for National Food Security and Research Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan said Pakistan has succeeded in removing ban on the export of kinno within two-and-a-half months, which the Russian authorities take at least a year.

