

MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD - WEEKLY REPORT

Friday 24th August 2012

SELLING PRICES

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S Y D N E Y								
Murcott Honey Class 1- 9kg		Navels 15kg		LEMONS 15kg		GRAPEFRUIT		
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	
40	24-28	36	10-13	48			Marsh	Red
54	26-30	40	10-15	56	10-15	23		
60	26-32	48	11-14	64	12-16	27	10-14	12-16
70	26-30	56	12-15	72	14-18	32	14-16	16-20
80	24-28	64	12-16	80	16-20	36	14-16	16-20
90	22-26	72	10-16	88	18-22	40	12-14	14-18
100	20-24	80	10-15	100	18-24	48	8-12	10-14
110	16-22	88	10-14	113	18-24	56		
		100	10-13	125	17-20	64		
		113	8-12	138	16-18	72		
		125	8-10	150	14-16	80		
		138+	7-9					
No2's	14-16	No2's	5-10	No2's	10-14	No2's	6-10	8-12

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General Comment: WHOLESALE TRADING TREND

This week past saw continuing heavy Navel orange arrivals as well as increasing numbers of Murcott Honey mandarins, which resulted in these markets continuing to weaken. Lemons were also seen in increasing numbers with this market easing slightly. Limes were the only citrus fruit which strengthened as supplies were lighter. Grapefruit were unchanged and slow. The market was very strong on practically all vegetables this week which has adversely affected fruit sales generally.

NAVELS:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

Comment: There was little change to the orange market over the week past which remained weak and heavily supplied with Washingtons and good supplies of Leng Navel oranges. The three price levels for oranges continued with the top-shelf display fruit which was of Extra Class quality and was up to \$30 per carton. The Bulk of fruit was of Class 1 quality and Washingtons for Class 1 15-kilo and 18-kilo cartons were priced from \$10-\$16 and some higher. Leng Navels in 15-kilo cartons were up to \$20 and the best Premium heavier packs to \$30. Bulk Bins of Navel oranges ranged from \$50-\$100 and the best to \$150 in heavier wire bins, while 3-kilo net bags were from \$1.30-\$1.50 and the best to \$2.00. Red fleshed Cara Cara oranges were priced from \$10-\$16 and in very slow demand. The market continued to be heavily supplied with Blood Oranges and the prices quoted were unchanged with Class 1 fruit from \$16-\$26 and the Premium South Australian fruit were up to \$30. Class 2 fruit was from \$10-\$14 and were very slow.

GRAPEFRUIT:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

Comment: Both Red & White grapefruit continued to be slow selling this week. The selling market remained very quiet with slow sales, weak demand and no interest. Pomelos were in good supply and continued to be slow selling with quality issues and losses seen. Class 1 Red grapefruit were priced from \$10-\$20 with Premium lines to \$24.00 and Class 1 White grapefruit were priced from \$8-\$16 and some higher. There were only Green Pomelos sighted this week which ranged from \$2-\$4 per kilo.

LEMONS:

Demand: Good

Carryover: Some

Quality: Fair

Comment: The Lemon market continued to ease on prices this week with increasing supplies coming out of most districts. However there were reports that the crop is not big and lacks quality. Class 1 15-kilo cartons were seen to range from \$14-\$24 and with the best to \$26 and the 18-kilo cartons were asking up to \$34. Class 2 fruit was been from \$10-\$14 and the best to \$16. Coastal fruit was in light supply and sold from \$12-\$20 and some higher.

LIMES:

Demand: Good

Carryover: Light

Quality: Mixed

Comment: The Lime market continued to firm up with the Premium bright clean green, waxed, stickered & row-faced trays ranging from \$36-\$45 and some higher. There continued to be old season fruit in both trays and bulk cartons which was of Class 2 / composite quality and were selling as Class 2 / Composites. Class 1 fruit was quoted up from \$30 with pale coloured composites from \$25-\$35 in 5-kilo trays. Class 2 tray packed fruit were from \$15-\$26 and with some higher, while 10-kilo bulk packs ranged from \$20-\$25 for Class 2.

MANDARINS:

Demand: Fair

Carryover: Moderate

Quality: Fair

Comment: Imperial mandarins were in light supply and with increasing numbers of cheaper Qld Murcott Honey mandarins, Imperials weakened for price and many of the brands have now finished. Imperial mandarins eased to be from \$10-\$26 on Class 1 fruit while Class 2 fruit was from \$8-\$16. There were increasing supplies of Murcott Honey and Tangelos as well as supplies of southern Afourer mandarins and local Hicksons. Tangelos ranged in price from \$14-\$20 and some to \$30 for Class 1 while the Class 2s were from \$5-\$14. Class 1 Murcott Honey in 15-kilo cartons ranged from \$18-\$30 and some higher, while the Class 2s were from \$14-\$16 and heavier 18-kilo packs of Premium quality Murcott were up to \$36. Afourer mandarins were seen from \$14-\$26 and the best to \$28 for Class 1 fruit in 9-kilo cartons.

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BRISBANE							
GRAPEFRUIT Marsh		LEMONS		MANDARIN Murcott		NAVEL	
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$
27	16	56	20	60	26	48	18
32	18	64	22	70	28-30	56	20
36	20	72	28	80	30-32	64	20
40	20	80	30	90	30-32	72	20
48	16	88	32	100	30	80	18
56	14	100	32	110	30	88	18
64		113	32	120	26	100	16
72		125	28	135	22	113	16
		138	22	150	18	125	
		150	18			138	
		165	16				
		180					

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GENERAL COMMENT: Trading conditions were the same this week as the previous four weeks. There remained very weak demand from all buying areas and retailers were still reporting poor in-store demand and prices were reflecting this lack of buying demand. There was some firmness in the lemon market, driven solely by lighter supply.

NAVEL:

SUPPLY: Steady DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Some QUALITY: Good
The market prices have stayed steady. Buyer demand was very poor.

GRAPEFRUIT:

SUPPLY: Steady DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Light QUALITY: Good
Grapefruit market was steady.

LEMONS:

SUPPLY: Lighter DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Reducing QUALITY: Good
There was lack of buying demand however prices were slightly higher on the back of slightly lower supply.

MANDARINS:

SUPPLY: Steady DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Steady QUALITY: Good
Murcott mandarin prices were steady. There was slow buying demand however export orders are providing a floor to hold up domestic pricing.

LIMES:

SUPPLY: Lighter DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: None QUALITY: Reasonable
Market prices were \$45-\$60 per 5kg tray on the back of very light supply.

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CITRUS FRUIT SIZES CHART - ORANGES			
	AUS 20kg	USA 16kg	SE ASIA 22kg
Count	mm Size	mm Size	mm Size
56	87	84	
64	84	81	87
72	81	77	84
80	77	75	81
88	75	72	77
100	72	69	75
113	69	67	72
125	67	65	69
138	65	63	67
150	63		65

RETAIL PRICES Friday 24th August 2012

RETAIL PRICES REPORT – BRISBANE – 24th August 2012		
BRISBANE RETAIL PRICES		
VARIETY	CHAIN STORES	INDEPENDENT STORES
Navels	\$1.49 - \$3.99 kg	\$1.49 - \$3.99 kg
Grapefruit		
Marsh	\$2.99 - \$3.99 kg	\$1.99 - \$3.99 kg
Red Fleshed	\$2.99 - \$3.99 kg	\$1.99 - \$3.99 kg
Limes	\$14.99 - \$19.99 kg	\$9.99 - \$14.99 kg
Lemons	\$3.49 - \$4.99 kg	\$1.49 - \$3.99 kg
Mandarin		
Murcott	\$2.99 - \$3.99	\$1.99 - \$3.49