

# MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD - WEEKLY REPORT

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## SELLING PRICES

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S Y D N E Y								
		Navels 15kg		LEMONS 15kg		GRAPEFRUIT		
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	
40		36		48			Marsh	Red
54		40	14-18	56	12-20	23		
60		48	16-22	64	16-20	27	10-14	12-16
70		56	20-24	72	18-26	32	14-20	16-24
80		64	18-22	80	26-34	36	14-20	16-24
90		72	17-20	88	26-34	40	12-14	14-18
100		80	16-18	100	26-34	48	8-12	10-14
110		88	14-16	113	25-34	56		
		100	13-16	125	22-28	64		
		113	12-14	138	20-27	72		
		125	10-12	150	18-25	80		
18kg		138+	9-10	163	16-22			
No2's		No2's	6-8	No2's	12-20	No2's	6-10	8-12

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### General Comment: WHOLESALE TRADING TREND

The market was well supplied with most of the summer fruits and citrus fruits have been steady on a slow market. Lemons weakened this week with increased numbers of imported USA fruit and southern fruit out of NSW, Victoria and South Australia. There were adequate supplies of Late Lane Navel oranges and the market was steady. Grapefruit were also steady with one line of imported Pomelos from Israel sighted. Limes were weaker this week.

### NAVELS:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

*Comment:* There were adequate supplies of Late Lane Navel oranges this week and the market was steady for demand and prices. Class 1 Late Lane Navels were selling from \$10-\$24 and the odd higher. Bulk Bins of Navel oranges ranged from \$100-\$160. The 3-kilo net bags were priced from \$1.30-\$1.80 and mainly from \$1.40-\$1.70 and the best to \$1.80. Class 2 Navels were in large numbers and were from \$6-\$10 but mainly around \$8.

### GRAPEFRUIT:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

*Comment:* Both Red and White grapefruit were steady this week with lighter supplies and prices were unchanged from last week on both the White and Reds.

Class 1 Red grapefruit were priced from \$10-\$24 with Premium lines to \$30.00 and Class 1 White grapefruit were priced from \$8-\$20.

### LEMONS:

Demand: Good

Carryover: Some

Quality: Fair

*Comment:* The Lemon market continued to be mixed this past week with increased numbers of USA imports and larger numbers of mixed quality Southern district fruit from Australia. Imports from New Zealand were almost unsalable and were unwanted due to poor shelf life. The best quality fruit was out of Queensland along with some of the USA brands, while Southern fruit was very mixed and this market weakened on price due to quality issues. Southern fruit from NSW, Victoria and South Australia Class 1 15-kilo cartons eased this week to range from \$16-\$30. Class 1 18-kilo cartons from Far North Queensland were reported to be from \$35-\$60 while Imported USA cartons were from \$36-\$48.00 and Imported New Zealand fruit from \$24-\$30. Class 2 fruit was from \$12-\$20, Qld fruit from \$20-\$30 and coastal fruit was in light supply and sold from \$20 to \$30.

### LIMES:

Demand: Fair

Carryover: Light

Quality: Mixed

*Comment:* Limes increased in numbers and with the Melbourne Cup forgotten demand and prices weakened this week to range with Class 1, 6-kilo trays from \$30-\$50 and with most sales around \$40. Class 2 tray packed fruit were from \$14-\$26, while 10-kilo bulk packs ranged from \$25-\$35 for Class 2 fruit.

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MELBOURNE									
Murcott Honey Class 1- 9kg		Navels 15kg		LEMONS 15kg		GRAPEFRUIT Marsh		VALENCIA 15kg	
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$
40		36		48				48	15
54		40		56		23		56	18
60		48	20-24	64		27		64	20
70		56	25-30	72		32	18-25	72	20
80	50-55	64	25-30	80		36	24-30	80	20
88	50-55	72	20-24	88	40-45	40	24-30	88	20
100	50-55	80	15-25	100	40-45	48	22-25	100	15
110		88	15-20	113	40-45	56	12-20	113	15
120		100	14-16	125	35-40	64	12-18	125	12
135		113	12-15	138	35-40	72		138	
		125		150	30-35	80		150	
		138+							
No2's		No2's		No2's		No2's			

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### General Comment: WHOLESALE TRADING TREND

There was no improvement in market activity this week and if anything, it was possibly a bit quieter than last week. There appeared to be increasing stock levels of most lines of fruit and vegetables and prices were generally easier. Citrus lines were in adequate supply to meet demand at steady prices with the only exception being limes which have eased almost daily. Ruby Grapefruit was in light supply and should lift in values by next week. Overseas imports of Ruby is possibly a week or two away.

### NAVELS:

*Comment:* Supply continued to meet demand and values were unchanged. The sales range was generally between \$15 and \$25 and up to \$30 for sizes 56-64. Class 2 fruit remained at \$5 to \$10 and were slow to move. Net bags were \$2.20-\$2.50 while 300kg bulk bins were \$180 and \$250 for the 400kg.

**MOST SALES:** Class 1 \$15-\$25 with some to \$30, Class 2 \$5-\$10, 3kg net bags \$2.20-\$2.50, 300kg bulk bins \$180 and 400kg bulk bins \$250.

### VALENCIA:

*Comment:* Valencias were in limited supply and ranged from \$15-\$20 while seconds were selling from \$10-\$12. Net bags remained at \$1.80-\$2.00.

**MOST SALES** \$15-\$20.

### MARSH GRAPEFRUIT:

*Comment:* Supply continued to match demand and the sales range was unchanged between \$20 and \$25 with the odd sale to \$30. Most sales remained around the \$25 mark with seconds at \$10-\$15.

**MOST SALES:** \$25-\$30, Class 1 \$20-\$25 with the odd sale to \$30, Class 2 \$10-\$15 and 3kg net bags \$2.00-\$2.50.

### RUBY GRAPEFRUIT:

*Comment:* Supply was lighter again this week but values are unchanged. The selling range continued at \$20 to \$25 with a few to \$30 with seconds at \$14-\$16 and some out to \$20. It is anticipated that values will lift next week.

**MOST SALES:** \$20-\$25, Class 1 \$20-\$25 and some to \$30, Class 2 \$12-\$20 and 3kg net bags \$2.00-\$2.50.

### LEMONS:

*Comment:* Good quality lemons continued to be in short supply and prices were steady. The selling range remained at \$30-\$40 with some up to \$45. Sizes 88-113 ranged between \$40 and \$45 and sizes 125-150 were from \$30-\$40. Seconds were around \$20-\$25 and there was also a fair availability of fruit from the Yarra Valley which was mainly in the same price range of \$20-\$25. Some USA imports are now on the market at \$45-\$50 (sizes 95 & 115).

**MOST SALES:** Class 1 \$30-\$45 and Class 2 \$20-\$25

### LIMES:

*Comment:* Increased supply this week and values continued to ease as the week progressed. The sales range was \$40-\$50 with a few to \$60 and this looks like easing further next week.

**MOST SALES:** \$40-\$50, Class 1 Trays \$40-\$50 with a few to \$60.

### MANDARINS:

*Comment:* Only a very limited supply of Murcotts remained on offer and values were steady. The sales range continued at \$50-\$55 for sizes 80-105 which were the only ones available. The season is now almost over.

**MOST SALES:** Murcott 15kg \$50-\$55

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<b>CITRUS FRUIT SIZES CHART - ORANGES</b>			
	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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012

RETAIL PRICES REPORT - <b>MELBOURNE</b> – 16th November 2012		
<b>MELBOURNE RETAIL PRICES</b>		
VARIETY	CHAIN STORES	INDEPENDENT STORES
<b>Navels</b>	\$1.98 kg \$4.98 bag	\$3.98 kg \$2.98 bag
<b>Blood Orange</b>	N/A	\$5.98 kg
<b>Grapefruit</b>		
Marsh	N/A	N/A
Pigmented	\$3.99 kg	\$3.98 kg
<b>Limes</b>	\$24.98 kg	\$1.98 each
<b>Lemons</b>	\$4.98 kg	\$4.98 kg \$2.98 pp bag
<b>Mandarin</b>		
Murcott	\$4.98 kg & \$3.88kg pp bag	N/A