

MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD - WEEKLY REPORT

Friday 2nd 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	16-20	23		
60		48	16-22	64	20-24	27	10-14	12-16
70		56	20-24	72	26-30	32	14-16	16-20
80		64	20-24	80	30-36	36	14-16	16-20
90		72	18-22	88	36-45	40	12-14	14-18
100		80	17-20	100	38-45	48	8-12	10-14
110		88	16-18	113	30-40	56		
		100	14-16	125	24-30	64		
		113	12-14	138	20-30	72		
		125	10-12	150	16-30	80		
18kg		138+	9-10					
No2's		No2's	6-8	No2's	14-20	No2's	6-10	8-12

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General Comment: WHOLESALE TRADING TREND

This week saw the commencement of Lychees & Apricots arriving onto the market, while the Cherry Auction was held today and fetched \$30,000.00 for charity. There were increasing numbers of Peaches and Nectarines while the Northern Territory Mangoes stabilised for the better quality fruit this week and Bananas were in adequate supply and were steady.

The Citrus market saw only minor changes this week with Murcott Honey & Afourer Mandarins in very light supplies.

Lemons continued to be in light supply and were mixed for quality and the market firmed for the better lines as quality continues to slide.

Navel Oranges were steady this week with Late Lanes achieving the best returns.

Limes were again firmer for price on Monday and eased with imports affecting demand for the more expensive local fruit.

Grapefruit continued to be unchanged and very slow to sell after orders.

navels:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

Comment: The Navel Oranges are now eating very well and sales have been steadily improving. The lower end of the market has lifted while there remains strong buyer resistance to any more money being asked for the Premium heavy cartons of Lengs and Late Lanes. Class 1 15-kilo & 18-kilo cartons of Washington's and are priced from \$10.00 to \$16.00 & some higher with a lot of fruit showing blemish and softening skins. Leng Navels in 15-kilo cartons were in lighter supply and up to \$20.00 and the best Premium heavier packs to \$24.00. Class 1 Late Lane Navels were from \$14.00 to \$24.00 & the best to \$28.00. Bulk Bins of Navel Oranges ranged from \$100.00 to \$160.00. The 3-kilo net bags were from \$1.30 to \$1.80 and mainly from \$1.40 to \$1.70 & the best to \$1.80.

Class 2 Navels were in large numbers and were from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and mainly around \$8.00. Red fleshed Cara Oranges were from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and in very slow demand. Blood Oranges in lighter supply and prices quoted were unchanged with Class 1 fruit from \$14.00 to \$20.00 and are slow. Class 2 fruit was from \$6.00 to \$14.00 and are very slow.

GRAPEFRUIT:

Demand: Slow

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

Comment: Both Red & White Grapefruit were unchanged this week with continuing slow sales and prices steady. Class 1 Red Grapefruit were priced from \$10.00 to \$20.00 with Premium lines to \$24.00 & Class 1 White Grapefruit were priced from \$8.00 to \$16.00 & some higher.

LEMONS:

Demand: Good

Carryover: Some

Quality: Fair

Comment: There was little change seen to the Lemon market over the week past as quality deteriorates and buyer resistance to the deteriorating quality and higher asking prices. The quality of fruit remains very mixed to poor and premium quality fruit is almost non-existent. Class 1 15-kilo cartons were seen to range from \$16.00 to \$45.00 and the best to \$50.00. Class 1 18-kilo cartons were reported to be from \$24.00 to \$50.00 and some higher. Class 2 fruit has been from \$12.00 to \$20.00. Coastal fruit is in light supply and sold from the \$20.00 to \$30.00.

LIMES:

Demand: Fair

Carryover: Light

Quality: Mixed

Comment: The Lime market was firm on Monday but has since eased to finish for Class 1, 6-kilo trays from \$40.00 to \$60.00 and the best to \$65.00 on Monday only and now with most sales around \$50.00. Class 2 tray packed fruit were from \$14.00 to \$26.00, while 10-kilo bulk packs ranged from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for Class 2's.

MANDARINS:

Demand: Fair

Carryover: Some

Quality: Good

Comment: This week we sighted very light supplies of 9-kilo cartons of late Murcott from South Australia which were priced from \$16.00 to \$28.00. There were also the residues of the NSW Afourer crop on offer in 13-kilo cartons which ranged from \$13.00 to \$26.00 and large fruit were up to \$38.00.

Melbourne Market Report Unavailable this week

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BRISBANE							
GRAPEFRUIT Marsh		LEMONS		MANDARIN Murcott		NAVEL	
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$
27	16	56	24	60		48	16
32	18	64	28	70		56	18
36	20	72	32	80		64	18-20
40	20	80	34-36	90		72	18-20
48	16	88	34-36	100		80	18
56	14	100	34-36	110		88	16
64		113	32-36	120		100	14-16
72		125	32	135		113	14
		138	26	150		125	
		150	22			138	
		165	18				
		180					

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GENERAL COMMENT:

Lemons are the only Citrus line to show some spark as lighter intakes drive market prices. All other Citrus lines are taking a back seat to Summer fruits (i.e. Mangoes and Stonefruit) in the minds of Buyers.

NAVEL:

SUPPLY: Steady DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Some QUALITY: Good
 The market prices have stayed steady. Buyer demand very poor and more than enough supply to meet this slow demand.

GRAPEFRUIT:

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

LEMONS:

SUPPLY: Reducing DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: Reducing QUALITY: Good
 Lemon prices are firming on the back of reduced supply despite slow demand. The market is expected to remain firm over the coming weeks. Most No.1 fruit is trading in the \$30 to \$36 price range but some lines are selling as high as \$45.

LIMES:

SUPPLY: lighter DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: None QUALITY: Reasonable
 Market prices \$50 to \$65 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
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RETAIL PRICES REPORT – BRISBANE – 2 nd November 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	\$3.99 - \$5.99 kg	\$2.49 - \$4.99 kg
Mandarins		
Murcott	N/A	N/A