MURRAY VALLEY CITRUS BOARD - WEEKLY REPORT

Friday 9th November 2012

SELLING PRICES

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SYDNEY								
		Navels 15kg		LEMONS 15kg		GRAPEFRUIT		
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	20-26	32	14-20	16-24
80		64	18-22	80	26-34	36	14-20	16-24
90		72	17-20	88	30-40	40	12-14	14-18
100		80	16-18	100	30-40	48	8-12	10-14
110		88	14-16	113	28-40	56		
		100	13-16	125	24-30	64		
		113	12-14	138	20-30	72		
		125	10-12	150	16-26	80		
18kg		138+	9-10	163	20-24			
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 week past saw major changes in the Lemon market which weakened as Southern quality deteriorated due to heat damage and this was reflected in the quality and prices. There were also imports from the USA & New Zealand as well as the best quality Queensland new season fruit arriving. Oranges were slightly weaker with continuing heavy supplies. Limes were strong due the Melbourne Cup demand but should weaken from today. Grapefruit were in lighter supply and strengthened for price this week. Mandarins are finished.

Navels:

Demand: Slow Carryover: Some Quality: Good

Comment: There were good supplies of Navel Oranges this week and the market has weakened slightly for price. The market is now mainly Late Lanes Navels.

Class 1 Late Lane Navels were from \$10.00 to \$24.00 & the odd higher.

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.

GRAPEFRUIT:

Demand: Slow Carryover: Some Quality: Good

Comment: Both Red & White Grapefruit were firmer this week with lighter supplies and prices firmed on both White and Reds.

Class 1 Red Grapefruit were priced from \$10.00 to \$24.00 with Premium lines to \$30.00 &,

Class 1 White Grapefruit were priced from \$8.00 to \$20.00.

LEMONS:

Demand: Good Carryover: Some Quality: Fair

Comment: The Lemon market was mixed as imports from New Zealand and the USA commenced as well as there being some high quality Queensland fruit on offer. The best fruit was out of Queensland and Southern fruit has taken a lot of heat damage over the past two weeks and is not holding up in retail displays.

Southern fruit from NSW, Victoria and South Australia Class 1 15-kilo cartons eased this week to range from \$20.00 to \$40.00.

Class 1 18-kilo cartons from Far North Queensland were reported to be from \$24.00 to \$60.00.

Imported USA cartons were from \$36.00 to \$50.00 and,

Imported New Zealand fruit were from \$26.00 to \$36.00.

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 \$55.00 and the best to \$60.00 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.

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

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General Comment: WHOLESALE TRADING TREND

As anticipated, market activity was generally quiet this week which is typical during The Melbourne Cup Carnival. The market is well supplied with most lines of fruit and vegetables to meet buyer requirements. Rockmelons, together with Mangoes and other stone fruit continue to increase and as soon as warmer weather conditions come along, buyers will switch to these lines in preference to oranges, bananas, apples etc.

NAVELS:

Comment: Supply is adequate to meet demand and values are unchanged. The sales range is generally between \$15 -\$25 and up to \$30 for sizes 56 to 64. No 2s remain at \$5 to \$10 and slow to move. Nets are \$2.20 - \$2.50. Bins are \$180 for the 300kg and \$250 for the 400kg.

Valencia's from the Mildura area started this week. The light supply appears quite clean but at this stage it lacks size. Cartons ranged between \$15 and \$20 for no 1s and \$10-\$12 for seconds. Nets were \$1.80 -\$2.00

VALENCIA: \$15-\$20

MARSH GRAPEFRUIT:

Comment: Supply continues to match demand and the sales range is unchanged between \$20 and \$25 with the odd \$30. Most sales remain around the \$25 mark with seconds at \$10-\$15.

MOST SALES: \$25

RUBY GRAPEFRUIT:

Comment: A lighter supply is meeting an unchanged level of demand at steady values. The selling range continues at \$20 to \$25 with a few to \$30. Seconds are \$14-\$16 and some out to \$20

MOST SALES: \$20-\$25

LEMONS:

Comment: Good quality lemons continue in short supply and prices are steady. The selling range remains at \$30 to \$40 and up to \$45. Sizes 88-113 range between \$40-\$45 and sizes 125-150 range between \$30-\$40. Seconds are around \$20-\$25. MOST SALES: Class 1 \$30-\$45 and Class 2 \$20-\$25

LIMES:

Comment: A little more supply this week and values have eased. The sales range is now \$55-\$65 with the most sales at around \$60 MOST SALES: \$60

MANDARINS:

Comment: Only a limited supply of Murcotts on offer and values are stronger. The sales range is \$50-\$55 for sizes 80-105 which are the only ones available. We anticipate the season to end in the next week or so. \$50-\$55

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BRISBANE							
GRAPEFRUIT Marsh		LEMONS		MANDARIN Murcott		NAVEL	
Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$	Count	\$
27	16	56	24-26	60		48	14-18
32	18	64	26-28	70		56	18-20
36	20	72	28-34	80		64	20-24
40	20	80	34-38	90		72	20-24
48	16	88	36-40	100		80	18-20
56	14	100	36-40	110		88	16-18
64		113	36-40	120		100	14-16
72		125	30-36	135		113	12-14
		138	24-26	150		125	
		150	20-22			138	
		165	18-20				
		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 firm on the back of reduced supply despite slow demand. The market is expected to remain firm over the coming week. Most No.1 fruit is trading in the \$30 to \$40 price range but some lines are selling as high as \$45.

MANDARIN:

Mandarins have disappeared from the market.

LIMES:

SUPPLY: lighter DEMAND: Slow CARRYOVER: None QUALITY: Reasonable

Market price \$30-\$40 per 5kg tray on the back of very moderate 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 PRICESFriday 9th November 2012

RETAIL PRICES REPORT - MELBOURNE – 9th November 2012					
MELBOURNE RETAIL PRICES					
VARIETY	CHAIN STORES	INDEPENDENT STORES			
Navels	\$1.98 kg \$4.98 bag	\$3.98 kg \$2.98 bag			
Blood Orange	N/A	\$5.98 kg			
Grapefruit					
Marsh	N/A	N/A			
Pigmented	\$3.99 kg	\$3.98 kg			
Limes	\$24.98 kg	\$1.98 each			
Lemons	\$4.98 kg	\$4.98 kg \$2.98 pp bag			
Mandarin					
Murcott	\$4.98 kg & \$3.88kg pp bag	N/A			

RETAIL PRICES REPORT - BRISBANE - 9th November 2012						
BRISBANE RETAIL PRICES						
VARIETY CHAIN STORES INDEPENDENT STORES						
Navels	\$1.67 - \$3.49 kg	\$1.49 - \$3.99 kg				
Grapefruit						
Marsh	\$1.89 - \$3.99 kg	.99 - \$3.19 kg				
Red Fleshed	\$2.69 - \$3.89 kg	\$1.89 - \$3.69 kg				
Limes	\$2 each - \$19.99 kg	\$1 each - \$17.69 kg				
Lemons	\$2.59 - \$5.29 kg	\$2.29 - \$5.49 kg				
Mandarins						
Murcott	N/A	N/A				