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Successful WAPA AGM with new forecast, members and presidency

The World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA) held its Annual General Meeting, as is tradition, on Friday morning 10 February at the Fruit Logistica in Berlin. Representatives of the key global apple and pear producing and exporting countries met to discuss the Southern Hemisphere production forecast, the final update of the Northern Hemisphere, welcomed new members and elected a new president and vice-president. All in all, the meeting was well attended, with many topics to discuss.

WAPA also discussed and released the consolidated crop forecasts for the forthcoming southern hemisphere apple and pear seasons (see tables below). Collected from industry associations in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand and South Africa, the forecast showed that the 2017 apple and pear Southern Hemisphere crops are expected to reach 5.430.000 MT and 1.341.000 MT, respectively. For apples, this represents an increase of 9% on the 2016 crop, mainly because of a normalised crop again in Brazil. Forecasted export figures remain stable at 1.665.483 MT. For pears, a decrease of 2% on the 2016 crop is recorded while forecasted export figures are expected to have decreased with 6% at 656.479 MT.

This meeting also was an opportunity to welcome two new WAPA members, namely the China Chamber of Commerce of Import & Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce & Animal By-Products, as well as the Ukrsadprom Association from the Ukraine. WAPA is pleased to welcome these two countries as its members, thereby increasing its global role for the apple and pear sector.

Finally, this was the last meeting chaired by Daniel Sauvaitre, from ANPP in France. WAPA thanked Mr. Sauvaitre for his contribution to the association, and for representing WAPA on the international stage. The last part of the meeting saw the official election of Todd Fryhover as president, from the Washington Apple Commission in the US. The vice-president of WAPA will be Nicholas Dicey from the South African Apple and Pear Association. The WAPA secretariat and members are looking forward to continuing the good trends in the coming years with its new presidency.

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WAPA was founded in August 2001 with the objectives of providing a forum for discussion on matters of interest to the apple and pear business and initiating recommendations to strengthen the sector. The current President of the Association is Todd Fryhover, from the Washington Apple Commission in the United States, Nicholas Dicey is Vice-President from the South African Apple and Pear Association. WAPA membership includes the following countries and areas: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Scandinavia, Slovenia, South Africa, the UK, Ukraine and the USA.

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SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE PRODUCTION

Apples

x 1000 tons

Country	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	F2017	(1)	(2)
Argentina	933	800	1,048	853	930	890	834	711	794	12	-2
Australia	263	255	260	293	289	275	309	301	302	0	3
Brazil	1,053	1,226	1,250	1,184	1,063	1,165	1,145	826	1,100	33	5
Chile	1,811	1,755	1,784	1,806	1,746	1,670	1,708	1,635	1,675	2	0
New Zealand	466	448	513	476	550	478	554	539	572	6	9
South Africa	747	775	768	813	907	794	863	960	986	3	13
Total	5,272	5,260	5,623	5,425	5,485	5,272	5,412	4,972	5,430	9	4

(1) Percentage difference between F2016 and 2015

(2) Percentage difference between F2016 and the average of 2013- 2014 - 2015

x 1000 tons

Variety	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	F2017	(1)	(2)
Braeburn	239	212	212	209	165	135	139	133	137	3	1
Cripps pink	215	229	245	339	364	362	423	402	390	-3	-2
Fuji	643	729	689	708	672	749	690	639	748	17	8
Gala	1,654	1,768	1,862	1,808	1,859	1,813	1,979	1,742	2,016	16	9
Golden Delicious	169	169	166	210	232	159	224	240	246	3	18
Granny Smith	837	786	868	713	678	640	619	543	559	3	-7
Red Delicious	1,025	843	1,140	970	994	903	814	838	821	-2	-4
Others	491	524	441	469	521	511	525	435	514	18	5
Total:	5,272	5,260	5,623	5,425	5,485	5,272	5,412	4,972	5,430	9	4



SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE PEAR PRODUCTION

Pears

x 1000 tons

Country	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	F2017	(1)	(2)
Argentina	895	770	843	801	863	794	810	630	611	-3	-18
Australia	127	107	130	124	129	107	104	100	99	-1	-4
Chile	176	170	194	189	200	170	188	177	179	1	0
New Zealand	12	11	11	9	12	10	12	12	12	4	9
South Africa	366	356	360	361	379	399	380	444	440	-1	8
Total	1,577	1,414	1,539	1,485	1,583	1,480	1,494	1,363	1,341	-2	-7

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x 1000 tons

Variety	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	F2017	(1)	(2)
Beurre Bosc	36	34	38	32	38	33	32	16	15	-3	-43
Forelle	90	90	101	107	115	120	122	107	107	-1	-9
Packham's T	528	488	508	480	484	496	443	453	462	2	0
Williams BC	526	429	550	511	569	484	521	424	400	-6	-16
Others	397	374	342	354	377	346	375	364	357	-2	-1
Total:	1,577	1,414	1,539	1,485	1,583	1,480	1,494	1,363	1,341	-2	-7