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Raspberries in Chile

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Report Highlights:

Chile's raspberry production has more than doubled in the last 10 years. The US is Chile's main export market for both, fresh and frozen raspberries.

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Production

Chile's raspberry production, which is mainly for exports, increased significantly during the last few years, reaching a production level of close to 37,000 MT, up from 15,000 MT ten years earlier.

Raspberries are planted from Region V (San Felipe-Los Andes area) through Region X (Osorno). The largest planted area is from Regions VI through Region X, where roughly 80 percent of all raspberry plantings are found. Total area planted is now estimated to be around 5,000 hectares. The main varieties planted are Heritage (80%), Chilliwack and Tulameen (10%), Meeker (4%). The rest are A. Bliss, Willamette, Skeena, which total around 6%. National average yields are between 6 and 6.5 MT of fresh fruit per hectare. Over 90 percent of the harvest handpicked.

TABLE 1: Raspberries – Production and Destinations (in M.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Domestic Consumption	1900	2000	2100	3600
Juice	3250	4000	7100	11000
Fresh Exports	3500	3900	4400	4200
Frozen Exports	16600	19200	21200	17200
Total Production	25250	29100	34800	36000
Source: FEPACH				

TABLE 2: Raspberry Production Statistics

Market Years	Area Planted (HA.)	Production (MT)	Exports (MT)
1992/93	2380	14780	12342
1993/94	2750	17500	15015
1994/95	3005	17250	14700
1995/96	3750	24570	26090
1996/97	4200	28250	21500
1997/98	4661	29800	22306
1998/99	4846	36600	20100
1999/00	4900	25250	23100
2000/01	4700	29100	25600
2001/02	4665	34800	21200
2002/03	5000	36500	n/l <u>1/</u>

Note: 1/ Estimated

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Central Bank.

Trade

Since 2002 an antidumping surcharge of 5.54% is applied to frozen raspberry exported to the United States. However the US is still the main export market for both, frozen and fresh raspberries. Canada, the UK and France are the next most important markets for fresh raspberries, and France, the Netherlands and the UK top the list for frozen raspberries.