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SUBJ: Brazilian Imports of Apples, Pears and Grapes

The following are the official import statistics for 1996 with comparisons with 1995 for fresh apples, pears and grapes. According to the import trade, the recently announced restrictions on import financing will hamper imports of U.S. fruit during the 1997 season, particularly by nontraditional companies lacking sufficient financial stature. See BR7611 for more information on the credit situation.

The very good Brazilian apple crop, as reported in BR7607 dated 2/7/97 appears to have been confirmed. A recent state government (CEPA) report from Santa Catarina places its crop at 310,000 tons. We have nothing official from the other major producing state Rio Grande do Sul. Brazil has no commercial production of fresh pears to speak of.

BRAZIL: Imports of Fresh Appples, 1995 and 1996

ORIGIN	1995	1996
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----metric tons ---

United States	9,808	20,733
Argentina	201,969	234,738
Chile	21,555	86,312
Spain	289	280
France	6,814	1,512
Hungary	115	117
Italy	1,036	528
New Zealand	601	202
Paraguay	100	100
Portugal	146	440
Uruguay	979	1,746
Venezuela	340	270
Canada	166	0
Unidentified	1,113	8,663
TOTAL	245,031	355,641

Total may not add due to rounding. Unidentified may include fruit from identified countries.

Source: Ministry of Finance; heading 0808100000.

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BRAZIL: Imports of Fresh Pears, 1995 and 1996

ORIGIN	1995	1996
	----metric tons ---	
United States	18,399	23,976
Argentina	102,795	413,547
Chile	6,398	14,266
Spain	778	1,960
France	1,743	167
Italy	31	686
Paraguay	0	40
Portugal	3,174	5,667
Uruguay	1,103	1,885
Venezuela	54	46
Unidentified	22	365
TOTAL	134,497	462,605

Total may not add due to rounding. Unidentified may include fruit from identified countries.

Source: Ministry of Finance; heading 0808200100.

BRAZIL: Imports of Fresh Grapes, 1995 and 1996

ORIGIN	1995	1996
	----metric tons ---	

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United States	2,410	2,439
Argentina	4,163	4,752
Chile	24,054	61,757
Uruguay	20	24
Venezuela	86	57
Unidentified	25	94
TOTAL	30,758	69,123

Total may not add due to rounding. Unidentified may include fruit from identified countries.

Source: Ministry of Finance; heading 0806100000.

A major packer who is just finishing up the season reports that both size and apple quality turned out above earlier expectations which were already high. Although he could not give any shipment figures, he said the export season has gone well and they still have exportable supplies (i.e., fruit of high quality). Another major exporter reports export shipments thru the end of May 1997 at 17,140 tons, of which only 285 tons were exported to the United States and the balance to European countries. Brazilian exporters had requested USDA preshipment services such as those provided Brazilian exporters of mangoes. They indicate a need for this service to augment export inspection services performed by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture (MA), since the costs are very high if when the fruit arrives at the U.S. port it is rejected for phytosanitary reasons.

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