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Tree Nut and Dried Fruit Productions to add up to 4.5 million and 3.3 million metric tons, respectively

The INC has released its latest Global Statistical Review with 2019/2020 production forecast updates on tree nuts, peanuts and dried fruits.

November 2019. Northern hemisphere tree nut harvests progressed at a normal pace in most growing regions, yielding crops in line with overall expectations, both in terms of volume and quality. World tree nut production for the 2019/2020 season has been forecasted at about 4,538,000 metric tons (kernel basis, except pistachios in-shell), slightly up from 2018/19.

The biggest increments this season are expected for hazelnut and walnut crops. Hazelnut production is foreseen to be risen by 15% compared to the previous season to over 530,000 MT on account of increased crops from Turkey, the leading producing country, and some other origins such as France and Spain. World walnut crop has been forecasted at around 969,000 MT, 10% above the previous year due to significant rises in most producing origins.

World peanut production has been anticipated to remain within the previous season range, amounting to 40.9 million with the largest crop increments from the prior season forecasted for China, India, Brazil and USA.

The world production of dried fruit in 2019/20 has been forecasted at *circa* 3,283,000 MT, a growth of 5% compared to 2018/19. The greatest increments are expected for table dates (up 9% to 1,226,000 MT), prunes (up 9% to 215,800 MT) and dried figs (up 17% to 158,500 MT).

About the International Nut & Dried Fruit Council

The INC is the international umbrella organization for the nut and dried fruit industry. Its members include more than 800 nut and dried fruit sector companies from over 80 countries. INC membership represents over 85% of the world's commercial "farm gate" value of trade in nuts and dried fruit. INC's mission is to stimulate and facilitate sustainable growth in the global nut and dried fruit industry. It is the leading international organization on health, nutrition, statistics, food safety, and international standards and regulations regarding nuts and dried fruit.

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