Prognosfruit 2012 - Apple & Pear forecasts 2012

At the Prognosfruit 2012 which took place on 3 August 2012 in Toulouse, forecast figures for the apple & pear crop 2012 were released by WAPA, the World Apple and Pear Association.

Detailed estimates for the global apple production and processing were given at the Prognosfruit by Philippe Binard from the World Apple and Pear Association and by Helwig Schwartau from Agrarmarkt Informations-Gesellschaft mbH.

The summary conclusions are the following:

- For 2012 the apple production in the EU (top 21 producing countries) is forecasted to be at 9.739.000 T a decrease with 9% compared to 2011 (and 7% lower than the average production of the last three years);
- Significant differences between Western and Eastern Europe. In the latter production is forecasted to increase with 5,76 % compared to 2011 while in the West the production decreases with 6,55 %. From the 5 main apple producing EU Member States (I,F,D,SP,PL) only Poland will have a higher production estimated at 2.8 MlnT up 12% compared to last year;
- In Poland the amount of apples being processed is forecasted to go up with 37 % to 1.540.000 T (against 1.125.000 T in 2011). For the EU-27 the total amount of apples being processed would remain approximately at 3.250.000 T which is a marginal increase compared to last year;
- With AJC stocks cleared in Europe the price level for EU AJC is expected to stay above 1,5 €/kg;
- For pears the European growers predict a significantly lower crop of 2.060.000 T down 22% compared to 2011 (2.629.000 T). These figures relate to the production of the top 18 Member States of the EU-27 growing pears;

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