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US mango imports bounce back

As the Guatemalan season kicks off, the US is poised for strong supply heading into spring



US imports of fresh mango are projected to increase by 34 per cent year-on-year in the next two months according to the National Mango Board (NMB).

The NMB said the improvement is due to the recovery in Guatemalan supply after the country was forced to cut short last season's campaign due to Covid-19.

The Guatemalan mango season began the last week of February and is expected to run until the first week of June, with a projection of approximately 4m cartons.

The 2020 season was cut about four weeks short due to the pandemic, resulting in 2.8m cartons, or about 20 per cent less volume than projected. From 2015 to 2019, the average shipment from Guatemala was about 3.8m cartons."

"We usually see numbers around 4m cartons for Guatemala in any given season," said NMB executive director Manuel Michel.

"Since the 2020 season was impacted by Covid-19, it will obviously have an effect on year-over-year numbers, but when looking at the averages, our 2021 projection of 4m cartons is very much comparable to what we usually see."

Peru and Mexico are currently harvesting, packing, and exporting. The Peruvian season is projected to be about 6 per cent lower year-over-year, while the Mexican season (through the end of June) is expected to be about 14 per cent higher year-over-year.

Mexico's 2020 mango shipments were also affected by the pandemic during the months of March and April, but the 2021 mango volumes during the same period are projected to be normal when compared to prior years.

"We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about mango crop projections and shipment information to subscribe to the weekly Mango Crop Report via our website, Mango.org," Manuel said.

"This robust report provides information about volumes, varieties, and shipments from main producing countries to the US."

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