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Global cherry production grows

The world crop will increase in volume during 2009 despite shortfalls in major growing zones Argentina and Chile



The global production of fresh cherries is set to rise by 13 per cent in 2009 to some 2.3m tonnes in comparison to last year, according to a [report](#) by Argentinean publication Diario Río Negro.

The increase comes on the back of good growing conditions in the US and Turkey, which represent 42 per cent of the global crop.

South American producers Argentina and Chile, meanwhile, have experienced shorter-than-normal production this season, following bad weather, mainly frosts.

According to the Rural Development Institute of Mendoza (IDR), the cherry production in the northern region of Argentina will reach 3,086 tonnes in 2009 – down 65 per cent on last year's total.

In neighbouring Chile, fruit analyst Decofrut estimates that the volume of exportable fruit in 2009/10 will fall by 20-22 per cent to approximately 28,000-20,800 tonnes.