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#### Start of the 2020 season

The 2020 season has started in the north of the country with the harvest of mandarin Satsuma Okitsu and Satsuma Owari. Harvest conditions have been good with sunny, temperate days and no rainfall.

Forecasts show for this part of the year the probability of having normal temperatures, with below -normal rainfall throughout the national territory.

#### Forecasts for the 2020 harvest

The year has started with COVID-19 "cleaning the markets" and there is a great demand for citrus in our country and in the world, which we are beginning to satisfy. For overseas shipments, the uncertainty at the moment is with the logistics and transport aspects.

Due to the water deficit that crosses the south of the country we estimate a smaller size of the fruit for this region, although with an excellent internal quality as it characterizes us.

On the other hand, in one of the fields of the north we had an important climatic event with winds and hail that caused damage to the fruit. This will affect a lower volume for this year.

The lower water levels make us estimate better cosmetic and sanitary quality of the product to be harvested.





# March - April - May 2020

WEEK	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
S. OKITSU									
S. OWARI									
ORONULES									
CLEMENT									
LEMON									

#### **COVID-19 WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC**

Given the worldwide situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and inmersed in the health emergency declared by the Uruguayan Government, the Union of Producers and Exporters of Fruits and Vegetables of Uruguay (UPEFRUY) has carried out and presented different protocols to the authorities. The objectives established in the proposed Contingency Plan are:

- © Protect the health and safety of all workers in the scope of production, processing, transportation of the national fruit and vegetable sector
- © Colaborate with the health authorities
- © Reduce transmissibility of COVID-19
- Minimize the effects derived from this situation and guarantee the supply of fresh fruits and vegetables to the population.

In this sense, UPEFRUY has written specific protocols, with the strong collaboration of the URUD'OR Technical Department, to:

- © Collective transportation of workers to packinghouse and farms
- © Fruit Harvest
- © Packinghouse, cold chambers and other spaces dedicated to process fruit.

These protocols are attached to those already arranged and implemented for years by each exporting company to guarantee the safety of the fruit.

At the moment, quarantine in Uruguay is not compulsory, but at URUD'OR we align ourselves with the Government's request to implement the home office modality for personnel to avoid crowds and exposure. This measure allows us to fulfill our tasks and to continue giving our fruit suppliers and customers the best care while keeping everyone's health.

## Citrus fruit part of the solution?



According to studies that are being carried out in various parts of the world, septicemia is the main cause of deaths related to influenza and coronavirus pneumonia.

Vitamin C (present in citrus) could reduce this mortality and is being administered to affected patients in the US after previous experiences in China. No vaccines against this virus have been found so far, and Vitamin C treatment has been effective in children and older adults.



### FRUIT LOGISTIC - BERLÍN 2020



Between February 5 and 7, Uruguay was present for the twelfth consecutive time with a country stand at Fruit Logistica. This stand was made possible by the articulation between Uruguay XXI in conjunction with the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries (MGAP) and UPEFRUY.

Fruit Logísitic is the largest event in the fruit sector that brings together 3,000 exhibitors and more than 79,000 visitors from more than 130 countries. The high level of attendance represents great potential as a platform to show the quality of Uruguayan products and facilitate possible business, from direct contact with international clients.

Managers of AZUCITRUS S.A. and AGRISUR C.A.R.L., Carlos María Fraschini and Martín Calcagno as well as the Chief Operating Officer, Juan Pablo Mina.

#### INTERNAL AUDITS: URUD'OR S.A.

During the months of December and January, the complete program of Internal Audits of the orchards of the group was fulfilled through the inspectors of the Technical Department of URUD'OR S.A. Like previous harvests, we have managed to consolidate this program in the summer to decompress the technicians and managers involved in the months of greatest activity of harvest and packaging activity.

All farms were audit with the protocols of GLOBAL G.A.P. (Version 5.2) and GRASP.

For the moment and according to a statement from GLOBAL G.A.P. of the 03/26/2020, repealing the previous communique of 03/13/2020 and in view of the emergency situation that we are all experiencing; There is the possibility of extending the current certificates for 6 months.



Agr. Mariana Nin in the internal audit of Azucitrus-la Acacia

COMING SOON
new version
GLOBALG.A.P. mandatory
starting in may of 2020



#### **VISIT: RAN ZAKAI**

The first days of February we were pleased to receive Ran Zakai, Chief Executive of Zakai Agricultural Knowhow and Inputs Ltd. This company represents the Agricultural Research Organization (ARO), the Israel Vulcani Institute of Agriculture.

We toured the group's orchards from the south to the north for a technical update on the Orri variety and others of interest to URUD'OR.



The visit had the objective of updating the management protocols to increase production and thus achieve the full potential of this popular variety known for its excellent quality in all markets.





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URUD'OR S.A. is a leading Organization in Uruguay which is composed by large, medium and small producers for the exporting of citrus fresh fruit, operating as an international supplier since 1963.

URUD'OR S.A. has implemented a strict quality management system auditing the production and packing process of all its associates, in order to assure that the final product reaches the quality standards that our customers require

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