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Report Highlights:

Chilean walnut production which would increase by 18 percent in 2012 is expected to expand exports in a similar figure.

General Information:

Nut production will increase about 18% during 2012 in Chile, reaching the order of 46 or 47 thousand tons, according to estimates by the Nut Producers and Exporters Association of Chile (ChileNut) and revealed by their president during last week. Additionally he pointed out that an overall good quality crop is expected. Quality is one of Chile’s main export factor, which has produced exceptional prices on the world market. The president of the Association said also that exporters have not yet set base prices for the product. But as current and future policy they believe that price stability means better conditions for our customers and for our exporters in general, he said. Exports volumes are expected to reach 42 thousand tons, in 2012.

Internationally ChileNut President also noted that the main task and one of the objectives of 2012, has been to diversify markets. We are accessing the UA Emirates strongly as a major new market and hopefully in the near future can incorporate Korea, Japan and other Arab countries, he explained. I think Japan is the markets that we need to be more patience.

Export Trade Matrix					
Country	Chile				
Commodity	Walnuts, In shell Basis				
Exports for:	2010		2011		
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	M.T.		
Units:	Volume	Value		Volume	Value
U.S.	95	280	U.S.	24	77
Others			Others		
Turkey	7,370	33,751	Turkey	10,029	43,157
Brazil	7,190	37,466	Brazil	6,512	36,024
Italy	3,843	19,801	Italy	3,831	21,280
Germany	2,525	15,212	UA Emirates	3,225	16,724
Spain	1,491	8,697	Germany	3,091	20,000
Netherlands	1,061	6,081	Spain	1,819	10,589
Portugal	1,025	6,329	Switzerland	991	6,843
Switzerland	895	5,902	Russia	947	6,544
Argentina	783	3,764	Netherlands	870	5,485
UA Emirates	523	3,084	Portugal	846	5,238
Total for Others	26,704			32,161	
Others not Listed	2,792			3,432	
Grand Total	29,591	159,701		35,617	200,728

