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Frosts Hit Northwest Mexican Vegetable Production Areas

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Report Highlights:

Recent press reports indicate that important vegetable producing regions in southern Sonora and northern Sinaloa experienced damaging frosts in recent weeks. Open field production suffered the heaviest losses with protected agriculture installations suffering only slight damage. State government ag officials and producer coops continue to monitor the situation. The extent of damage is not known.

General Information:

In the past two weeks, local press and international trade sources have been highlighting damage to vegetable production caused by abnormally low temperatures in southern Sonora and northern Sinaloa, two of Mexico's most important vegetable production regions. Some 90 percent of these regions' production is said to be exported to the U.S. via Nogales, AZ.

State government agriculture officials and growers cooperatives continue to monitor the situation. Some affected crops may yet grow out of the damage while other crops had already been mostly harvested. Still, widespread damage has reportedly impacted several growing regions and crops, including tomato, pepper, pumpkin, and zucchini, with open field systems suffering much heavier damage than protected (greenhouse/shade house) installations. The most recent press reports indicated that around 2000 hectares of vegetable production have been impacted while other reports indicate that previously reported damage estimates were not as extensive as originally thought.

Post will continue to assess the extent of damage and provide further reports if warranted.

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