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### Top 5 - yesterday

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- Cold winter means tasty Texas peaches
- Mexican avocado producers seek to export to Australia and New Zealand
- Week-long Sundays River citrus strike intensifies with arson attack
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- OVERVIEW GLOBAL LEMON MARKET
- Modern cooling system protects delicate fruits and veg
- "We take care of quality control, packing and shipping for our cherry customers"
- Pink pineapples, non-browning apples and potatoes that don't bruise
- Freak hailstorm in Lowveld causes big damage

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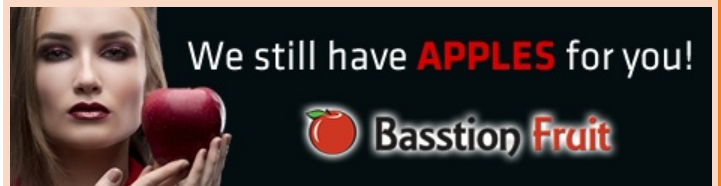
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This past cold winter has provided Texas peach growers with an excellent crop. Plenty of chill hours and sufficient moisture at the right time has resulted in good yields and high quality fruit. There was also the absence of a late spring freeze, which in some years can cause terrible damage to the crop. "We.....



US: Volume to lighten for now on blackberries

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*Strawberries could see up to 40% losses*

## Vegetables less affected by labour shortage in Poland

New legislation, along with more and more Ukrainian seasonal workers going to more profitable countries such as Germany and the Netherlands, has some Polish summer fruit growers, strawberry growers in particular, concerned about how they are going to harvest all of their fruits before it is too late. According.....



*Fresh Market 2018- September 27, Warsaw*

## Event provides opportunity to easily reach Polish and foreign clients

Now in its 11th edition, the Fresh Market 2018 Business Conference will be held on 27 September 2017 in Warsaw, Poland. This year, over 200 Polish companies are expected, along with visitors and exhibitors from 20 different countries, and 20 of the largest retail chains in Poland. The event is an important B2B.....

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As the market starts transitioning towards supplying blackberries domestically, anticipation is that volume will be good for summer blackberries. "Supply out of Mexico has been very steady. The season is starting to wind down and we're seeing it lightening up a little bit," says Vince Ferrante with Dave's.....

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### US company promotes new positioning for its Mexican greenhouse tomatoes

With Mexican greenhouse tomatoes experiencing their traditional slow season, Globalmex International Inc. is working ahead with an eye on its fall supply of Magic Sun branded tomatoes. "While we do have year-round supply of greenhouse organic tomatoes on the vine (TOVs) and conventional TOVs, we're setting the.....

### Tight mango supply as Mexico production broadens

Mexico is currently increasing its production as it approaches the peak of its relatively lengthy mango season. The ataulfo, or "honey mango" kicked off the season at the start of spring, but that season is now winding down, to make way for the larger volume varieties such as the Tommy Atkins, Kents and.....



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## Greenhouse cucumber production ramping up in Mexico

With the arrival of summer bringing warmer temperatures and favorable growing conditions in Mexico, greenhouse cucumber production is quickly ramping up with good volume expected. A snow storm earlier this year had damaged the crops in Central Mexico, however the team at Terra Bella Farms has managed to fully....

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## Central Washington seeing the first cherries for the season

Cherry season has finally started for Superfresh Growers®, with early districts in Central Washington beginning this week. Superfresh Growers joins Dave Gleason, Chief Horticulturist in one of these early blocks on a quiet morning. Gleason looks out to Mt. Adams in the distance and contemplates the morning.....



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## Italy: High-quality Tarocco oranges

"If all oranges had such a balance between Brix level and acidity, the sector would suffer less," explains Daniele Di Mauro, owner of a stand at the Cesena market when talking about late Tarocco varieties. Late Tarocco crates "Oranges are grown in the Catania province by F.lli Sampugnaro. Harvesting started a.....

## Carrefour's 'Black Market' - 7 months after launch

Last month, we wrote a piece on France's Carrefour supermarket chain, highlighting the fact that the agricultural seeds market is covered by European legislation, in effect banning no fewer than two million varieties of France-grown seeds. Ninety percent of the planet's cultivable varieties have already died.....



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## Washington manufacturer to offer automatic apple poly baggers

Haley Manufacturing of Yakima, WA is excited to announce that they have purchased the rights to The Automatic Poly Bagging machine from Seatac Automation Systems. Josh Logsdon, VP of Sales and Marketing stated that it was a natural fit for Haley to purchase the rights to manufacture, market, service and sell.....



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## Billa Bulgaria joins program to reduce pesticide residues in fruit and veg

Billa Bulgaria is joining a program for the reduction of pesticide residues in fruit and vegetables grown under the Billa Gardens project, involving over 150 farms and greenhouses run by 33 Bulgarian producers. The program was developed by the Austrian Global Environmental Protection NGO (Global 2000) and was.....



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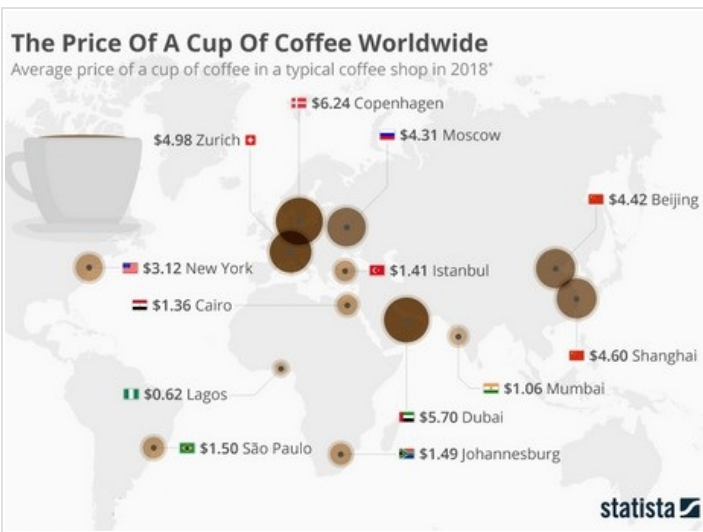
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## US: Man finds 12-pound puffball mushroom

Zack Atkinson is a self-proclaimed mushroom enthusiast. He has found puffball mushrooms before, but nothing quite like this. He was driving home near Q'emiln Park Wednesday when he noticed something off the side of the road. According to fox28spokane.com, it's about 12 pounds and Atkinson says he plans on.....

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Exports amount to 25%

## Australian citrus industry hopes to remedy trade relations with China

According to the Citrus Australia, the Australian citrus industry is in a boom period right now, with profits doubling or trebling. The CEO of Citrus Australia, Nathan Hancock, said that the total amount of Australian citrus reached 273 thousand tons last year, or 25% of the total imported into China. He.....



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## AU: Good growing conditions lead to high cucumber yields in South Australia

Growing conditions for cucumbers have been very good throughout the 2017-18 season, with above average yields across the board being experienced by a South Australian based vegetable producer. 4 Ways Fresh Produce says the produce in general has been of very good quality, although the cucumber season switching.....



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## South Africa: Crime biggest threat to agriculture, after drought

Agricultural industry body AgriSA wrote in their Farm Safety Report for June this year that currently, crime is the biggest threat to sustainable agriculture in South Africa -apart from drought- and it is contributing to farmers leaving the industry. AgriSA wrote in a report in May that farm murders were at.....

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## Papple pears now available in Australian stores

Australia consumers can now get their hands on the Papple pear, with the fruit now exclusively available through Woolworths stores. Also known as PremP109cv, the Papple brand pear is a hybrid of Chinese and Japanese pear types, and has a Nashi appearance. It had its first significant commercial harvest this.....

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## Autogrow's API and Amazon's Alexa lead to world first talking AgTech system

Global AgTech company Autogrow has utilized Amazon's virtual assistant 'Alexa', and their IntelliGrow API (Application Programming Interface) to create the first ever talking automated growing system. Their breakthrough technology demonstrates the versatility of their API and proves Autogrow's commitment to.....



## Maersk to extend operations into inland Nigeria

Danish shipping giant Maersk has expressed an interest in extending its reach in Nigeria, intending to cover inland operations as well. Geoffrey Onyeama, Nigeria's minister of Foreign Affairs, disclosed this after a meeting with Maersk chief executive officer, Soren Skou. Maersk is a key player in the shipping.....



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*Don't let it happen again*

## Bananas have died out once before

You may not realize it, but every banana we eat is genetically identical. So if a fungus or disease strikes, it will spread quickly through the population. It's happened once before - and it's a sign of the dangers to our increasingly homogenized global food system. You probably take bananas for granted. In the.....



## Retail



*House of Fraser: 31 stores closure, 6,000 jobs at risk*

## Biedronka: goBIO product range expanded

Australia retail sales return to growth in April 2018The Australian retail industry returned to growth in April with a 0.4% rise in sales after stalling in March, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), surpassing expectations of a 0.2% gain. "Retail turnover rose by 0.4% in April, seasonally....

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