

Week 33 Fruit Wholesale Market Report:

South African Witkrans oranges arrive while Xinjiang plums see a bumper harvest and price drop

A small quantity of South African Witkrans Navel oranges has arrived, currently selling for approximately ¥240-250 (US\$35.56-37.04) per large box. Traders indicated that the season is still in its early stages, and the quality of the arrivals is not yet stable. South African grapefruit prices have declined to approximately ¥110-120 (US\$16.30-17.78) per box, with premium batches reaching ¥120-130 (US\$17.78-19.26) per box. Some traders noted that the overall color and firmness of the grapefruits are not as good as in previous years.

Australian orange prices have risen slightly compared with the previous period, with sweet oranges selling for around ¥330 (US\$48.89) per box and blood oranges for around ¥280 (US\$41.48) per box. Traders stated that the quality and taste of the arriving fruit are good, but the relatively high prices have dampened demand.



Left: New Zealand Royal Gala apples; Right: South African Witkrans oranges

Imported apple prices remain high. New Zealand apples are generally priced above ¥300 (US\$44.44) per box, with premium Gala apples selling for around ¥340-350 (US\$50.37-51.85) per box, compared with prices mostly below ¥300 (US\$44.44) per box in previous years. The increase in Gala apple prices has also pushed up prices for other varieties. Higher prices have slowed sales, and although there was a brief decline, prices quickly rebounded. In contrast, South African Fuji apples are selling for around ¥260 (US\$38.52) per box, approximately 25%-30% higher than in previous years. However, their lower overall price makes them more attractive to buyers, resulting in relatively stronger sales.

Imported durian arrivals have decreased since the middle of this week, leading to higher prices. Thai Monthong A6 durians have risen from ¥550-560 (US\$81.48-82.96) per box in the first half of the week to around ¥570-600 (US\$84.44-88.89) per box, and traders expect prices to continue increasing. Some traders stated that the quality of current arrivals remains relatively stable.



Left: Peruvian blueberries; Right: Premium-packaged Yunnan blueberries

Overall blueberry supply remains relatively limited. Peruvian blueberries (15mm+) are selling for approximately ¥105 (US\$15.56) per box. Prices for Chinese blueberries vary considerably. Some fruit from northern production areas has a slightly tart flavor and is therefore cheaper, while premium-packaged Yunnan blueberries command higher prices due to their larger size and better taste. For example, a 200g × 6 pack of Yunnan blueberries (18mm+) in columns is priced at approximately ¥140 (US\$20.74) per box.



Left: Xinjiang plums (large fruit); Right: Thai Monthong durians

Xinjiang plums have become one of the most sought-after fruits on the market. This year's bumper harvest has resulted in lower prices than in previous years, while fruit sizes are also smaller. Both air and land transportation are available. Air-freighted premium large fruit in 2kg cardboard boxes sells for approximately ¥50-60 (US\$7.41-8.89) per box, while air-freighted medium-sized fruit in 1.5kg plastic crates is around ¥35 (US\$5.19) per box. Land transportation mainly involves medium-sized fruit, with 1.5kg plastic crates priced at approximately ¥20-25 (US\$2.96-3.70) per box. Regarding sales, some traders believe that the lower prices have supported smooth sales, while others said that high inventory levels have reduced purchasing volumes, with some traders preferring to buy when prices are higher. Others noted that the plum season has not yet reached its peak and expect sales, particularly of premium fruit, to improve later in the season.

Among other Chinese fruits, Xinjiang crabapples, winter jujubes, grapes, and melons are available in relatively large quantities, while a small quantity of Xinjiang pluots has also arrived.

Publication date: Thu 13 Aug 2026

© FreshPlaza.com / Jianing Huang

-
-

Related Articles → See More



- **South African citrus growers face labour shortages as migrants leave**



- **Citrus Australia calls for national labour hire reform**



- **"We've managed to really maximise what we can send to the U.S."**



- **Australian citrus mission explores opportunities in China**



- **Big bump in Indian demand for South African soft citrus despite 30% tariff**



- **Panama approves the import of Argentine lemons, oranges, and grapefruits**



- **Alabama citrus growers tackle freeze and disease risks**



- **South African Witkrans oranges arrive while Xinjiang plums see a bumper harvest and price drop**



- **Australian-grown Sumo Citrus is coming to Canada**



- **Moroccan citrus production remains stable, but shipments to the EU are down**