

Cherries

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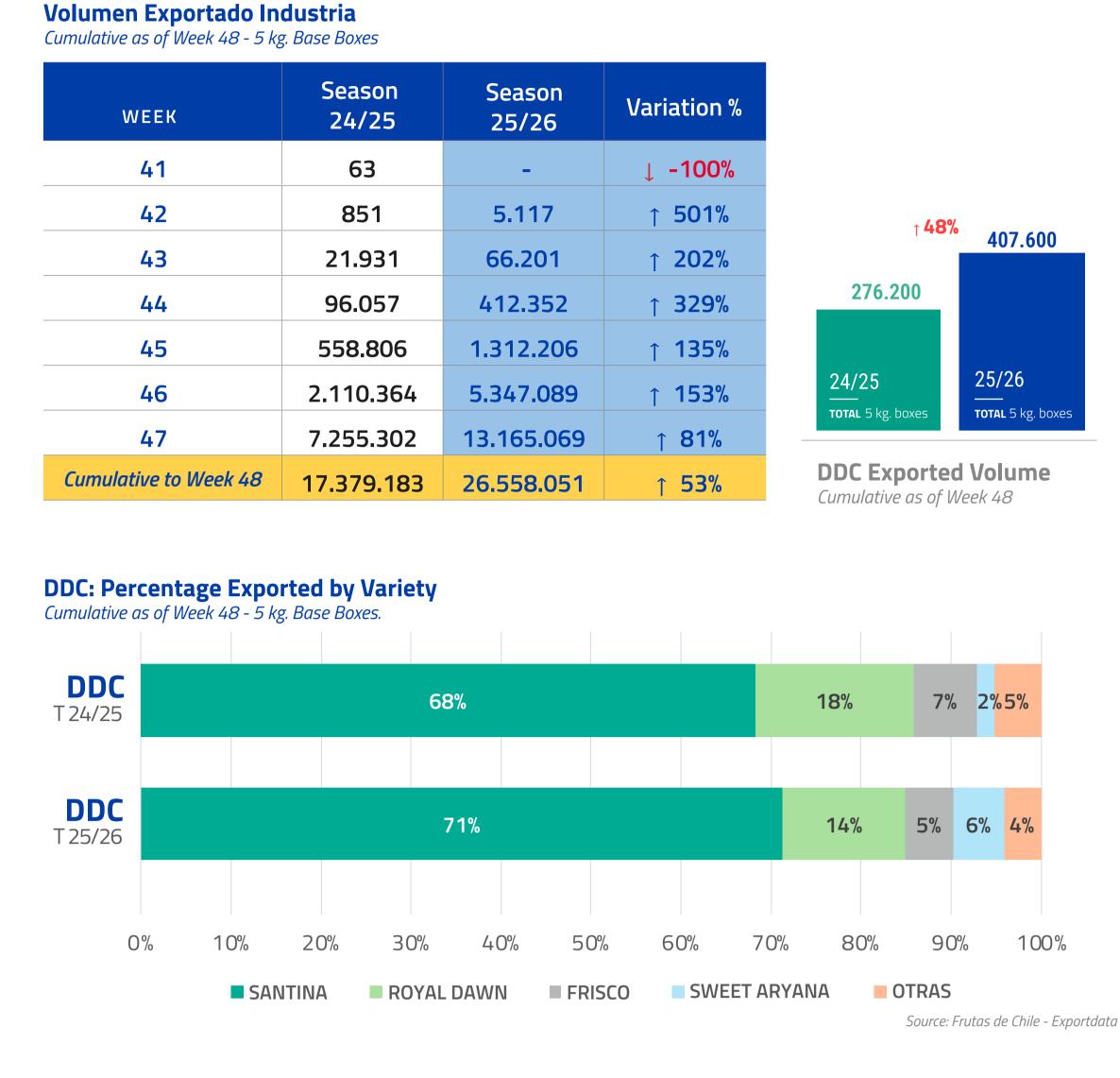
Decline in Projected Volumes

In recent weeks, the industry's cumulative volume has continued to trend downwards. The first weeks were difficult to analyze due to the 7-10 day earlier start of the season; however, from Week 48 onward, more consistent information has been available, confirming a real decrease in supply. Although cumulative shipments as of Week 48 reach 53%, this figure is influenced by the earlier harvest.

late spring, and more aggressive pruning aimed at improving fruit sizes, quality and condition. In this context, and compared with last season, Royal Dawn despite its smaller share — shows a drop of around 48%, while Santina, one of the highest-volume varieties, shows an estimated decrease of between 10% and 15%. According to growers' reports, this decline is very uneven

The reduction in volume is mainly explained by frosts, a

across regions and is also affecting Lapins and Regina, which show significant reductions and support the projection of a final industry volume in the range of 105-115 million boxes.



Regarding prices, the Chinese air market in Week 48 underwent a significant downward correction due to a

Market Prices

supply increase of close to 40% compared with last year. In the case of sea shipments, the first three vessels of the season arrived this week. The first vessel, Lambent,

opened with good prices, with returns for 2J in a range

of US\$ 6.00-8.00 NKP*, although still approximately ¥80 (RMB) per box below last season, with the overall fruit quality standing out as very good. On the next two vessels, HMM Blessing and MSC Lome V, which together totaled 830 FCL, prices moved down, pressured by a larger supply volume, 54% higher than in the same week last year; on these vessels, returns for 2J ranged between US\$ 5.00-7.00 NKP*. At industry level, we are once again seeing a season with a flatter supply curve, with a slight increase expected at the peak in Weeks 51 and 52. Between harvest Weeks 48

and 52, supply is projected at between 3,000 and 4,500

FCL per week, unlike last year when between 4,000 and

5,300 containers per week were concentrated in that period, affecting rotation. This should ultimately contribute to greater market stability. Added to this are improved size curves, a more favorable exchange rate and lower ocean freight rates. *Average, general and reference prices, estimated considering the variety and quality of the product. Comparative Prices – Santina T 24/25 vs. 25/26 (RMB/5-kg box) Info CherryMarket in the markets of Guangzhou, Shanghai and Jiaxing 400 ¥

