

**Washington apples are expected to be smaller than usual for the duration of the season, but they will be of high quality and shippers expect steady demand.**

**Another very dry year has California grape producers hoping for more rain.** Dry conditions look to continue, and even though January was close to average in total rainfall, seasonal totals are falling behind again.

**CF Fresh introduced the Durandean, an heirloom pear variety, to the U.S. organic produce market.** The pears are grown by Agro Roca SA in Argentina. Volumes are limited, and the pears should begin arriving in the U.S. the first week of March.