



## Cherry update: 20 October 2014

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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQZFhSocOuU\\_Kv5AYjNdlg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZQZFhSocOuU_Kv5AYjNdlg)

### Weather:

We have had 12 mm of rain at Highlands, but nothing at Crimson. This week looks as if rain will fall in the east of the country. Free State not really affected.

The local market is very strong with De Wet cherries selling for R160 – R200 / kg. ( £20 / kg)

### Highlands

**Mini Royal and Royal Lee : ( expected sizing – 24 / 25 mm)**

The few Royal Lee that survived the frost will be harvested by the end of this week. Size obviously good due to low crop.

### Early Sweet

We started today with the harvest at Crimson. Expect to pick about 80 – 100kg. Fruit is soft ( as expected for the var). Taste is good. Will harvest at Highlands as well from Wednesday. These fruit larger ( lower crop). We should be finished with these by middle next week.

**Royal dawn : expected sizing( 25/26 mm)**

These are colouring fast at Crimson. Highlands will be slightly later than normal – once again due to fruit from later flowers after the frost. Crimson seems to ahead of time.

Expected harvest date – from 25 Oct onwards.





**Cashmere** (expected sizing 25 / 26 mm)

The fruit are coloring fast and we will start harvesting next week.



**Bings/ Lapins** (expected sizing 25/26mm)

These are progressing well and first coloring is starting to appear. Still expected to commence harvest in the first few days of November for the Bing and the Lapins from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November onwards.

**Rainier** ( expected sizing 56/26mm)

I am expecting about 1 ton of Rainier and 600 kg's suitable for export. 2<sup>nd</sup> GA spray has gone on.