



## World news



**New Zealand**  
*Blackcurrants focus the mind*  
A study by Plant & Food Research has shown that an extract of New Zealand blackcurrants enriched in anthocyanins can help people stay more alert.

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**Germany** — Christiane Bell, a former buyer at German discount retailer Penny Markt and previously a senior executive at Dutch marketer The Greenery, has taken up a new role as a fresh produce director of German conglomerate BayWa. Bell will be directly responsible for the group's fruit business and, according to German weekly *Fruchthandel*, will also be involved in managing operations at New Zealand subsidiary Turners & Growers.



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**Italy** — Italian fresh produce brands Fratelli Orsero and VI.P Val Venosta are celebrating their successful sponsorship of the Giro d'Italia, the bicycle race across the Italian Peninsula. Bradley Wiggins (above) was in contention as FPJ went to press.

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**United States** — Fresh produce giant Dole Food Company has announced that it slipped to a net loss of US\$65.6m during the opening quarter of the year, down from net income of US\$17.2m in the same period of 2012, the result of lower revenues, operating income and one-off charges. "Dole's Q1 performance is in line with our full-year expectations for 2013, at the low end of the guidance range of US\$150m–US\$170m," said Dole COO Michael Carter.

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**Pakistan** — Pakistan should be able to export its irradiated mangoes to the US this season after a year-long hiatus thanks to new flights between the two countries. Pakistan's national airline PIA has announced it is reinstating flights to Chicago – this time twice-weekly from Lahore and Islamabad – from June 6, having stopped them last year. The Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export Company (PHDEC) said it had lobbied for a return of flights to Chicago.

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**Dubai** — Emirates SkyCargo, the freight division of Dubai-based Emirates airlines, has won the Cargo Airline of the Year 2013 prize at the Air Cargo News awards, held in London.



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**France** — French prepared salads firm Bonduelle has reported on its results for the third quarter of 2012-13, with a slowdown in activity across its European operations impacting on overall turnover for the period. On a like-for-like basis, turnover fell 0.3 per cent (down 4.1 per cent on reported figures), hit by a fall in European revenue of 2.9 per cent from €321.1m to €308m. "Many EU countries were affected by a fall in consumption," the group noted.