

June 2022

To our loyal Dried Apricot buyers who have enjoyed the beautifully sweet dried apricots sent your way each year for several years from my orchard at Moorook S.A..

I am sorry but this year there will be no dried apricots for you to buy. My crop did not actually fail. In fact the quantity of fruit produced was a good increase over the low production of the last couple of seasonally poor years. But that is where the good news ended. Though doing everything the same as in all previous years, my crop did not properly develop the normal high Fructose levels. The dried apricots lacked the highly sweet flavour you know so well. What was produced this time had only quite a low level of sweetness, or worse, tasted rather unpleasant. I have not been able to get any answers to why this has happened from my enquiries to the Primary Industries Apricot Research Scientist. He basically has been left scratching his head. Attributes it to some kind of seasonal event.

I could not sell the dried apricots in the normal way. Be assured you would have been very disappointed in their quality. Better to wait till next time when things are hopefully back to normal.

This raises a problem. The Compassionate Ministries supported by the Dried Apricots For Missions Project still need money that New Residence Congregation would normally send. So this year I am asking something a little different of you. **A "Virtual Sale"**. Please would you prayerfully consider contributing generously by donating the \$15.00 per 500gm bag you would have used to buy dried apricots. Cash can be collected by the person in your congregation who normally looks after the dried apricot sales, then forwarded to the New Residence Lutheran Congregation Account in the usual way.

I have discussed the concept of this "Virtual Sale" with Nevin Nitschke, the Programme Officer - International Mission. Nevin has assured me he is quite in favour of putting this to you.

So, a "Virtual" dried apricot sale this year. Your participation in this "Virtual" sale would be greatly appreciated by myself and the New Residence Congregation and highly valued by the recipient Ministries.

Many Thanks and God's Blessings always.....Lou Moss.

Direct bank transfers also accepted: Please reference "Apricots"

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