

# CGA Variety Update (2017\_Week 21)

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## Soft citrus:

The projection remains at 13.5 million cartons. Soft citrus shipments at 3.2 million cartons are tracking 22% behind last year's 4.1 million cartons at the end of week 21. Shipping to the EU (60%) is down on 2016's 65% –UK (39%) is down slightly 1.3 million cartons vs 2016's 1.6 and 2015's 1.4 million cartons at the end of week 21. The rest of Europe is running at 2015 levels between 600 and 650 K cartons. Data from other Southern Hemisphere exporters shows Peru shipping similar volumes to UK as last year. Russia has more with a big increase in week 19 from Argentina.

## Lemons:

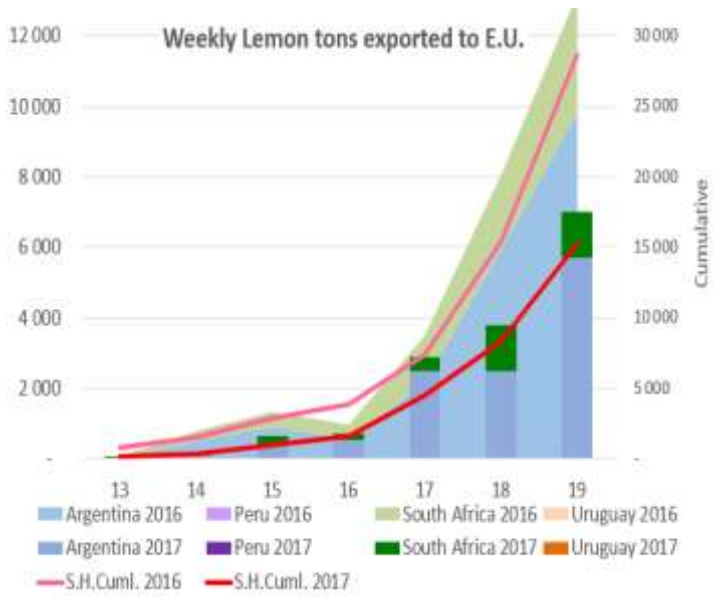
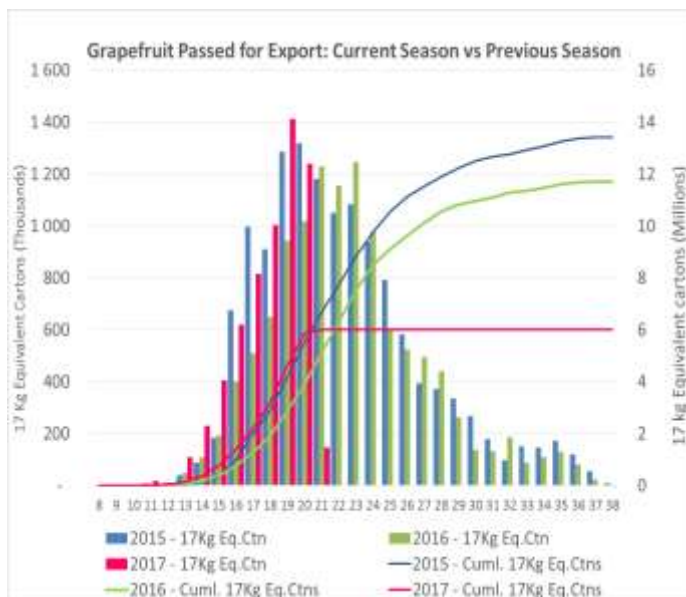
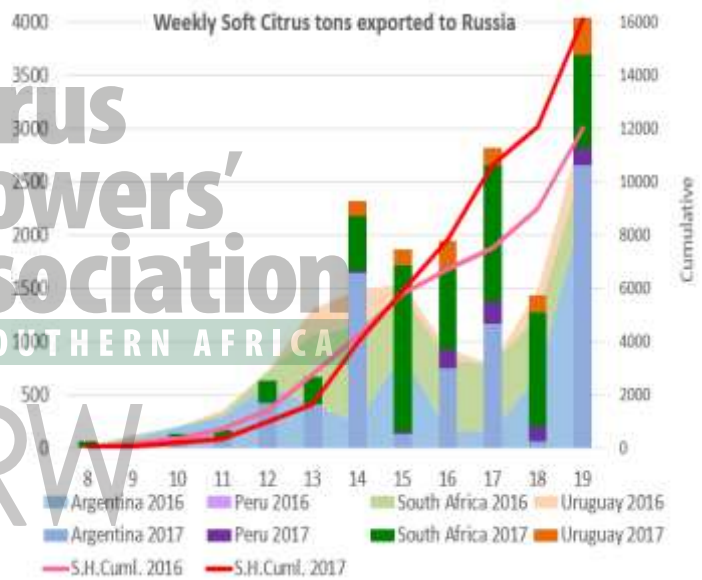
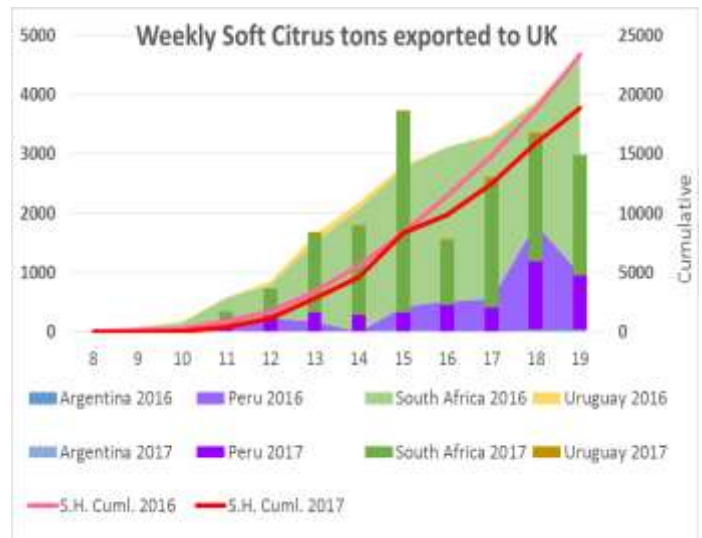
Projected final export still March's estimate of 17.5 million cartons. Current shipping is up to 6.3 million cartons; similar to the 6.1 million cartons last year. Of this, the E.U. share has dropped from 32% in 2016 to 15% at end week 21. The beneficiaries are Russia (16% vs 6%), Asia (18% vs 13%) and Middle East (46% vs 43%).

## Oranges:

Projected exports of Navels at 22.9 million cartons vs March's estimate of 26.3 million cartons. Valencias now projected at 49.4 million cartons from original 50.1 million cartons. Week 21 Agrihub data shows current Navel exports to be lagging by 52% (2.2 million cartons vs 4.5 million cartons last year).

## Grapefruit:

Latest projection remains at 13.2 million cartons; down on the initial estimate of 13.8 million cartons. Packing approaches the half way mark with 5.9 million (17kg) cartons compared to last year's 3.9 million cartons and 2015's 5.5 million cartons to end week 20. Market distribution is very similar to last year with the EU (46%) the main market with the same share as last year and Asia and South East Asia each with 15% to 20% of the total volume.



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