

CGA Variety Update (2017_Week 33)

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Soft citrus:

The RSA projection of soft citrus exports is now **13.6 million cartons** vs the original estimate of 13.2 million cartons. Current packing volumes (end week 33) show soft citrus up 1% on 2016's at **12.0 million cartons** packed to date. Late mandarin types are up 24% on last year's cumulative exports at the same time. To end week 33, soft citrus shipments at **10.8 million cartons** are up on last year's **9.7 million cartons**. In Russia (week 34) RSA Novas, and Nadorcots were traded in wholesale at price between \$18.34 and \$20 for 10 kg. The trend of higher supply of late mandarins to UK from Peru and South Africa continues.

Lemons:

The RSA projected final export is now **18.7 million cartons**, vs March's estimate of **17.5 million cartons**. Current packing is **28%** up on last year's 14.1 million cartons; now at **17.9 million cartons**. Lemon shipments at **17.3 million cartons** are up on last year's 13.4 million cartons at this stage. In Russia, RSA lemons were moving at price from \$23.34 to \$24.17 per 15 kg carton. Argentinean lemon exports to Europe have dwindled significantly in the last few weeks.

Grapefruit:

The Southern African projection is now at 13.8 million cartons (17kg); compared to the initial estimate of 13.8 million cartons. Current PPECB packing data at 13.4 million 17kg cartons, indicates volumes are up on last year's by 15% to end week 33. Agrihub shipping volumes at 12.1 million 17kg cartons, are 16% up on last year at end week 33. The peak of arrivals in Europe is past and available stocks are declining. Prices remain firm; 9% above average in week 33, RSA grapefruit were trading in France between €15 and €18 per 15 kg box. In Russia, average price for grapefruit (week 34) ranged from \$20 to \$21.25 per 15 kg carton.

Oranges:

Projections for Navels are at **20.5 million cartons** and Valencias are projected at **48.1 million cartons** (including Swaziland and Zimbabwe volumes). Week 33 PPECB packing data shows navels down; (-19% at 20.5 vs 25.4 million cartons estimate) and valencias up 24% (32.5 vs 26.2 million cartons). The RSA Valencia packing volume has peaked and the balance of the season will be debated at next week's Valencia Focus Group teleconference.

Agrihub data shows shipping of navels now 17% down on last year at end week 33 (19.9 vs 23.4 million cartons). Valencia shipping is 24% up (22.5 vs 18.1 million cartons) In Europe sales remain steady. Morocco and Brazil are filling the demand for small grades. Prices for larger grades, especially on navels have dropped. RSA valencias trading in France between €0.8 and €1.00 per kg. In Russia, the low summer holiday demand period sees, wholesale price for oranges at 15.0 to \$17.50 per 15 kg carton.

