

CGA Variety Update (2017_Week 34)

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Soft citrus:

The Soft Citrus Focus Group had a teleconference this week. The RSA projection of soft citrus exports is now 13.8 million cartons vs the original estimate of 13.2 million cartons. Current packing volumes (end week 34) show soft citrus up 1% on 2016's at 12.5 million cartons packed to date. Late mandarin types are up 23% on last year's cumulative exports at the same time. To end week 34, soft citrus shipments at 11.4 million cartons are up on last year's 10.2 million cartons.

In Russia (week 35) RSA Nadorcotts were traded in wholesale at price between \$18.65 and \$21.19 for 10 kg. Similar Argentinean and Peruvian product was offered at \$16.95 to \$20.34.

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 17.5 million cartons are up on last year's 13.7 million cartons at this stage. In Russia, RSA lemons were moving at price from \$22.04 to \$23.73 per 15 kg carton. 2nd category fruits were available at \$20.34. Argentinean lemons traded at similar prices.

Grapefruit:

The Southern African projection is now at 13.8 million cartons (17kg); in line with the initial estimate of 13.8 million cartons as the season comes to an end. Current PPECB packing data at 13.4 million 17kg cartons, indicates volumes are up on last year's by 15% to end week 34. Agrihub shipping volumes at 12.2 million 17kg cartons, are 16% up on last year at end week 34.

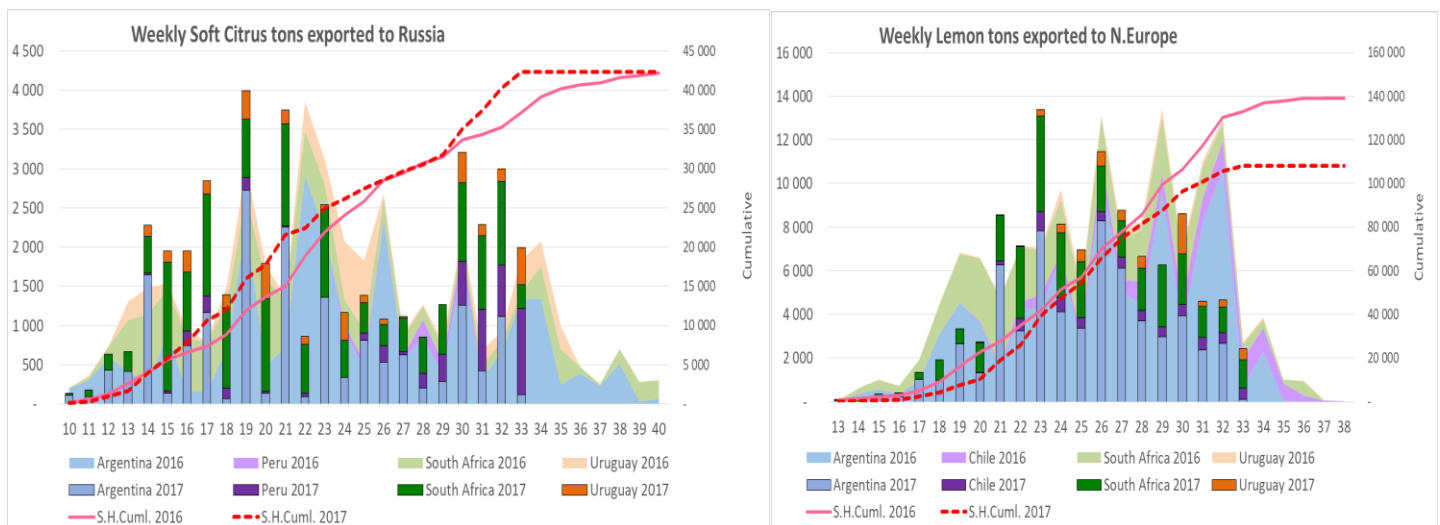
In Russia, average price for grapefruit (week 35) dropped to \$19.50 from last week's \$20 to \$21.25 per 15 kg carton.

Oranges:

The RSA Navel packing is all but done and the Valencia packing volume moved past its peak. The balance of the season was debated at this week's Valencia Focus Group teleconference. Projections for Navels are at 21.0 million cartons and Valencias are projected at 49.0 million cartons (including Swaziland and Zimbabwe volumes).

Participants in the teleconference noted that Valencia demand was good in all markets especially on the smaller counts. Week 34 PPECB packing data shows navels down; (-20% at 20.7 vs 25.8 million cartons last year) and valencias up 20% (36.8 vs 30.6 million cartons) versus the same period last year.

Agrihub data shows shipping of navels now 17% down on last year at end week 34 (20.2 vs 24.3 million cartons). Valencia shipping is 20% up (26.0 vs 21.7 million cartons). In Russia, RSA navels traded at \$14.41 to \$15.26 per 15 kg carton whilst Valencias went for \$16.95 in week 35.



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