

# CGA Variety Update (2017\_Week 16)

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## Lemons:

3.1 million cartons were packed and passed for export to end week 16 versus last year's 3.0 million; both years peaking on counts 113 then 138 at this stage. Cumulatively, Argentina and South Africa have shipped 56 375 tons to end week 16, i.e. 45% up on last year. Over half of South African exports have gone to the Middle East, whilst Russia has received significantly more than they did at the same time last year from both Argentina and South Africa. (See graphs below)

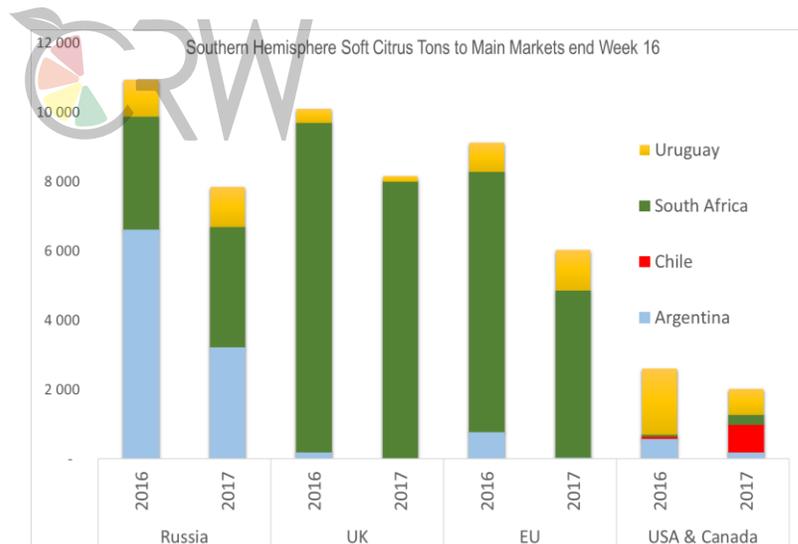


## Oranges:

Navel packing is off to a slow start with less than 200 000 cartons packed compared to 450 000 last year. In Europe, sales seem to have benefitted from the cold snap over the past week. Volumes of Spanish late Navels are about 15% below average. Prices are firm at above average levels.

## Soft citrus:

Cumulatively current soft citrus shipments at 1.12 million cartons are tracking 20% behind last year's 1.4 million cartons. Three quarters of the soft citrus from South Africa has been shipped to Europe with the U.K. getting almost half the total volume. Russia is the only other significant market at this stage with 21%. In Europe, the winter soft citrus supply is winding down. The recent cooler temperatures boosted sales. Or from Israel is currently main source on the market, with declining volumes but still well above average supply. Prices remained firm.



## Grapefruit:

Grapefruit packing stands at almost 1.4 million cartons packed to end of week 16 compared to last year's 0.8 million cartons and 2015's one million cartons. Counts are peaking on 45s and 40s (each around 20% of the total volume) followed by 17% of 35s; a little smaller than last year where the peak was 35 followed by 40 and 45. As with lemons, half the grapefruit have been shipped to Europe with Russia and SEA each getting 20%. Shipping volume to Russia is slightly up on last year 99K vs 50K. In Europe the grapefruit supply is drying up. The last stocks from Florida sold at high prices. The Spanish season is almost over, earlier than previous years and the last supplies from Turkey have quality issues.