

CGA Variety Update (2017_Week 13)

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Lemons:

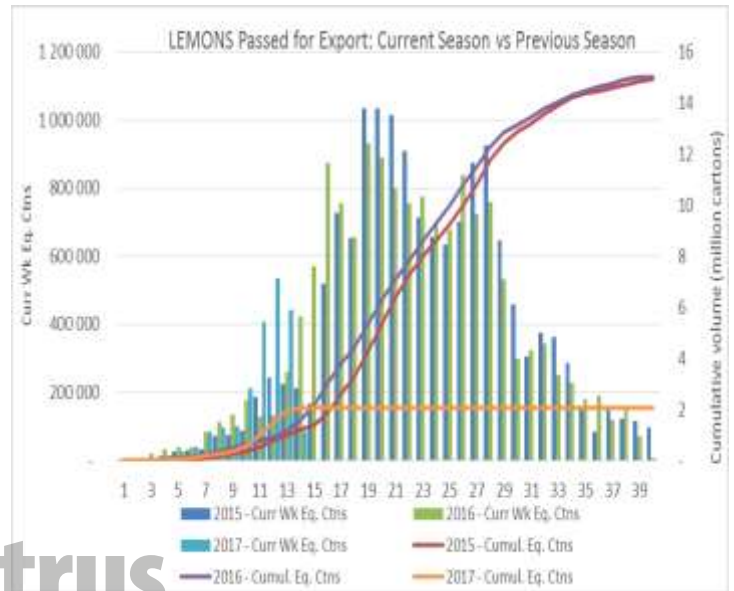
The lemon season is off to a brisk start with just almost 2million cartons packed to end week 13 vs last year's 1.2 million cartons and just under a million cartons in 2015 at the same time.

At this early stage, the Middle East, Russia and S.E. Asia have received proportionately more this year than last at the expense of Europe.

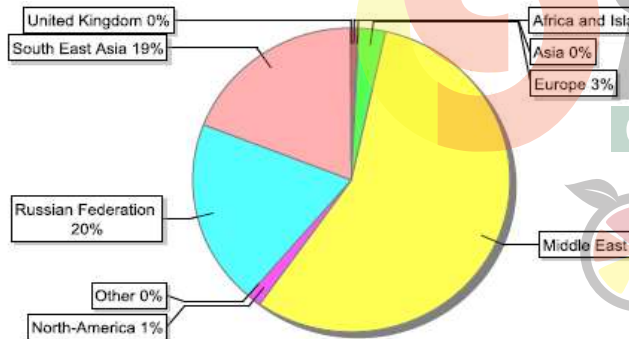
European production was up to 1.6 million tons this season with favourable weather conditions for lemons in Spain, Italy and Greece. The current sales turnover is better than for the previous two years although prices have been inconsistent.

The Russian market for RSA lemons is good thus far.

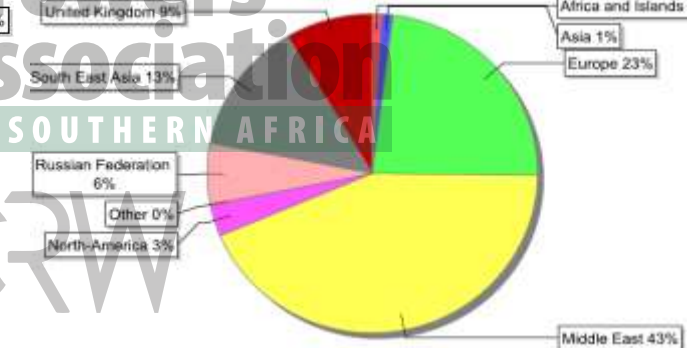
The Middle East has seen a larger volume and lemons are trading at lower prices with a surplus of small fruit.



Lemons 2017 YTD



Lemons 2016 YTD



Soft citrus:

Soft citrus packing has started slightly slower this year with just over half a million cartons of satsumas packed to the end of week 13. (see graph on right)

96% of the shipments have been directed to three markets; UK (54%) Europe (25%) and Russia (17%)

In Europe the easy peelers season is winding down. Sales are slowing down as the weather gets warmer. With the early end of the Nadorcott from Spain and Moroccan supply also at an end, sales of the late varieties has been strong and prices stayed firm. Or from Israel and small quantities of late Spanish varieties (Mor) are available in the French market.

Satsumas: Last Three Seasons Year to Date

