

## SA citrus exports

**South Africa's total oranges passed for exports from the first week to week 53 of 2016, compared to the two previous seasons (2015 and 2014). Normally, the orange harvesting season starts from week 16 to week 45. The performance of oranges has been noted to be irregular over the weeks when comparing seasons, with a particular season performing well in some weeks and less well in others.**

Thus far, in 2016, oranges have been performing better than in 2015 and 2014 up until week 23. In 2015, oranges performed better in week 25 and weeks 27-29. Oranges performed best in 2014, from week 30 to week 45. The highest record for exports was in 2014 at 6.2 million cartons.

The European market is ranked as the leading destination for South African oranges in 2016, accounting for 36% of total oranges exported, followed by the Middle East with a share of 25% and the South-East Asian market at 12%.

The total South African soft citrus passed for export starts from the first week to week 53, comparing seasons 2014 and 2016. The 2016 season is noted to have shown growth from week 11 to week 21, thereafter going into decline in week 25. The highest record for soft citrus passed for export was set at a value of 778 487 cartons in 2016.

The leading destinations for South African soft citrus exports for the 2016 season. The main destination for soft citrus is the UK market, followed by the European market and the South-East Asian market, accounting for 36%, 24% and 11% respectively.

The total South African grapefruit passed for export from week 13 to week 45, for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 seasons. The highest export quantity was achieved in 2014, at 1.7 million cartons, with the second highest in 2015 at 1.5 million cartons. The current grapefruit season is not performing as well as the two previous seasons, peaking at 1.1 million cartons in week 22, and with the lowest point being 228 969 cartons in week 26.

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