CGA Variety Update (2017_Week 31)

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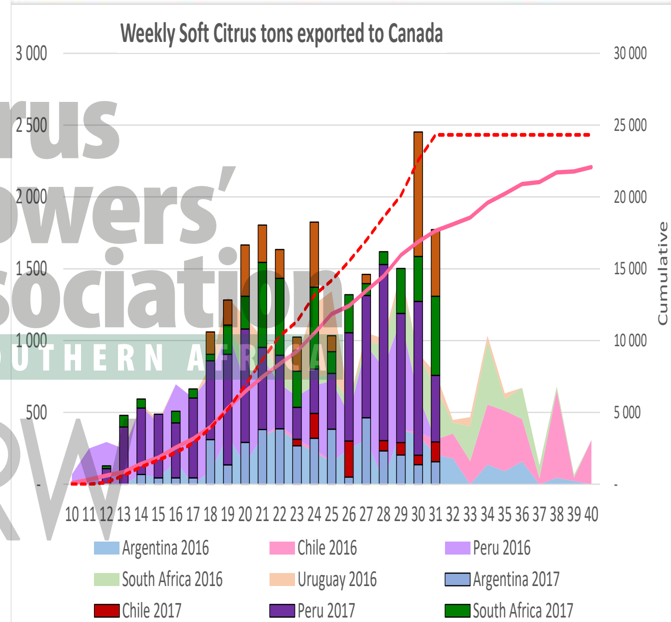
Soft citrus:

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 31) show soft citrus up 1% on 2016's at **10.7** million cartons packed to date. Late mandarin types are up 29% on last year's cumulative exports at the same time. To end week 31, soft citrus shipments at **9.5** million cartons are up on last year's **8.8** million cartons. In Russia, RSA Novas, Clementines, and Argentinean nadorcots were traded in wholesale at price between $15.00 and $15.84 for 10 kg.
China and Canada have imported significantly more mandarins from Peru and RSA this year.

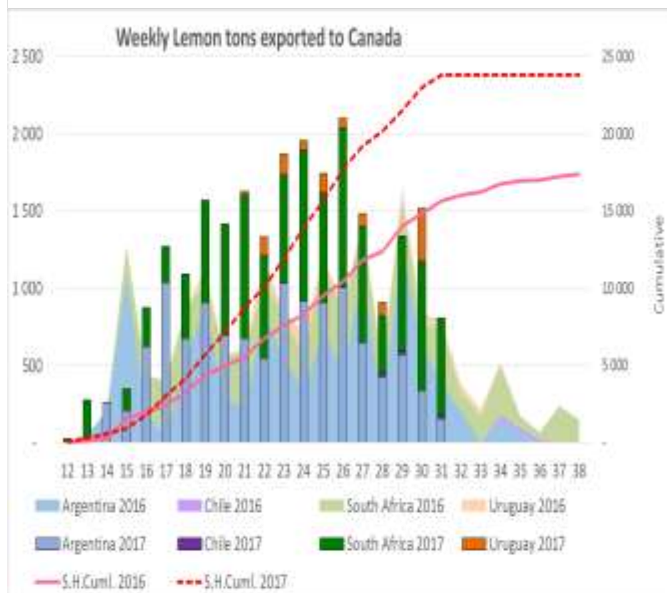


Lemons:

The RSA projected final export is now **17.7** million cartons, vs March's estimate of **17.5** million cartons. Current packing is **29%** up on last year's 13.5 million cartons; now at **17.4** million cartons. Lemon shipments at **16.3** million cartons are up on last year's 12.8 million cartons at this stage. In Russia, lemons showed signs of improvement. Argentinean and RSA lemons were moving at price from $17.50 to $20 per 15 kg carton. SHAFFE exports to Canada show growth in 2017.

Grapefruit:

The Southern African projection is now at 13.7 million cartons (17kg); compared to the initial estimate of 13.8 million cartons. Current PPECB packing data at 13.1 million 17kg cartons, indicates volumes are up on last year's by 15% to end week 31. Agrihub shipping volumes at 10.6 million 17kg cartons, are 5% up on last year at end week 31.
In Europe sales are slow due to the summer period (ongoing holidays, important availabilities of summer fruits). Arrivals from RSA, exhibiting a wide proportion of large grades (28/32/35), have maintained a downward trend. The peak of arrivals in Europe has taken place early, so the remaining RSA volumes are lower than a normal year. Thus the grapefruit market is calm as the available stocks are moderate and as the first Mexican fruits are not expected before week 34/35. In Russia, average price for grapefruit descended from $13.50 last week to $12 per 15 kg carton.



Oranges:

Projections for Navels are at **20.0** million cartons and Valencias are projected at **48.5** million cartons. At end week 31, PPECB packing data shows navels down; (-19% at 19.5 vs 23.9 million cartons estimate) and valencias up 32% (23.9 vs 18.1 million cartons).
Agrihub data shows shipping of navels now 17% down on last year at end week 31 (18.0 vs 21.7 million cartons). Valencia shipping is 2% up (13.0 vs 12.6 million cartons) In Europe sales have remained steady. RSA deliveries of Valencia are further accelerating. Fruits from other origins (Morocco, Brazil), especially small grades, have entered the market to complete the supply.
In Russia, the low summer holiday demand period sees, wholesale price for oranges at 10.0 to $13.34 per 15 kg carton