



Durban Port Friday Report

An assessment of the northern regions citrus production volume, Durban export volume & synopsis of Durban port operations

Week 21

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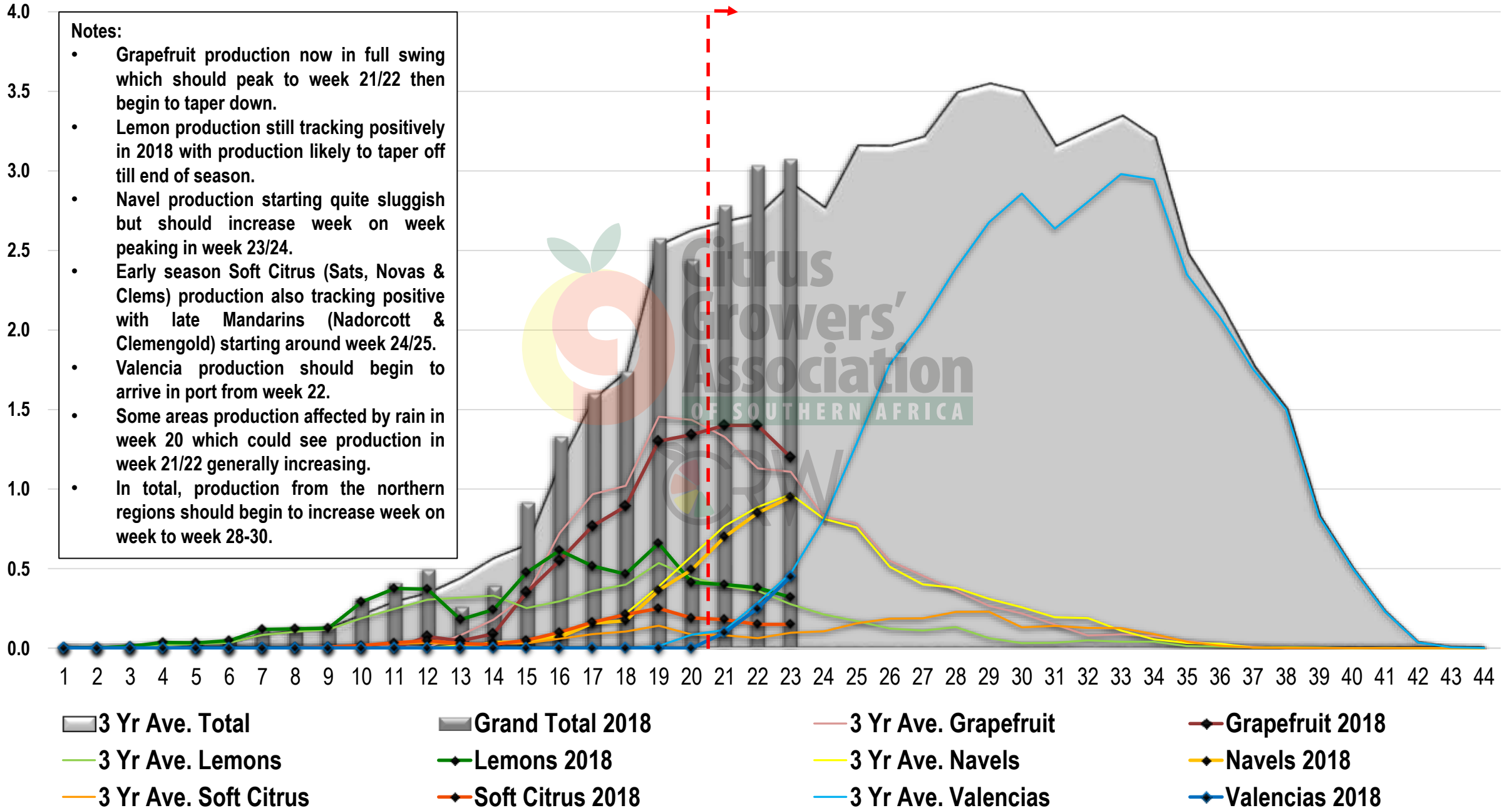
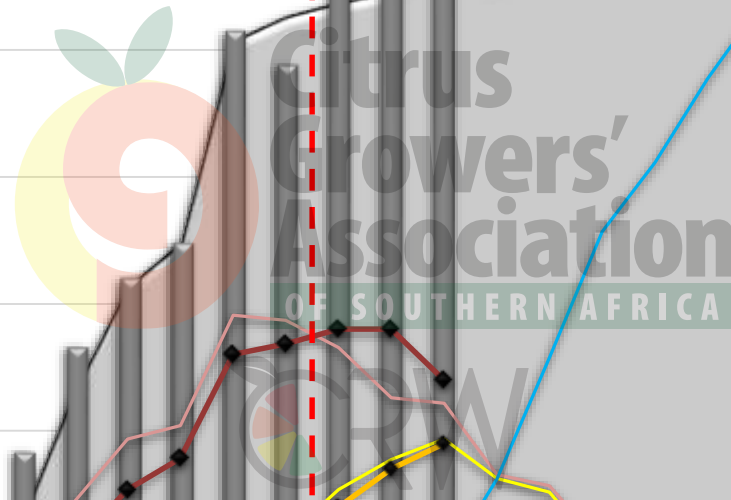
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Northern Regions Weekly Citrus Export Production YTD 2018 vs. 3 Yr Ave. Production

Notes:

- Grapefruit production now in full swing which should peak to week 21/22 then begin to taper down.
- Lemon production still tracking positively in 2018 with production likely to taper off till end of season.
- Navel production starting quite sluggish but should increase week on week peaking in week 23/24.
- Early season Soft Citrus (Sats, Novas & Clems) production also tracking positive with late Mandarins (Nadorcott & Clemengold) starting around week 24/25.
- Valencia production should begin to arrive in port from week 22.
- Some areas production affected by rain in week 20 which could see production in week 21/22 generally increasing.
- In total, production from the northern regions should begin to increase week on week to week 28-30.



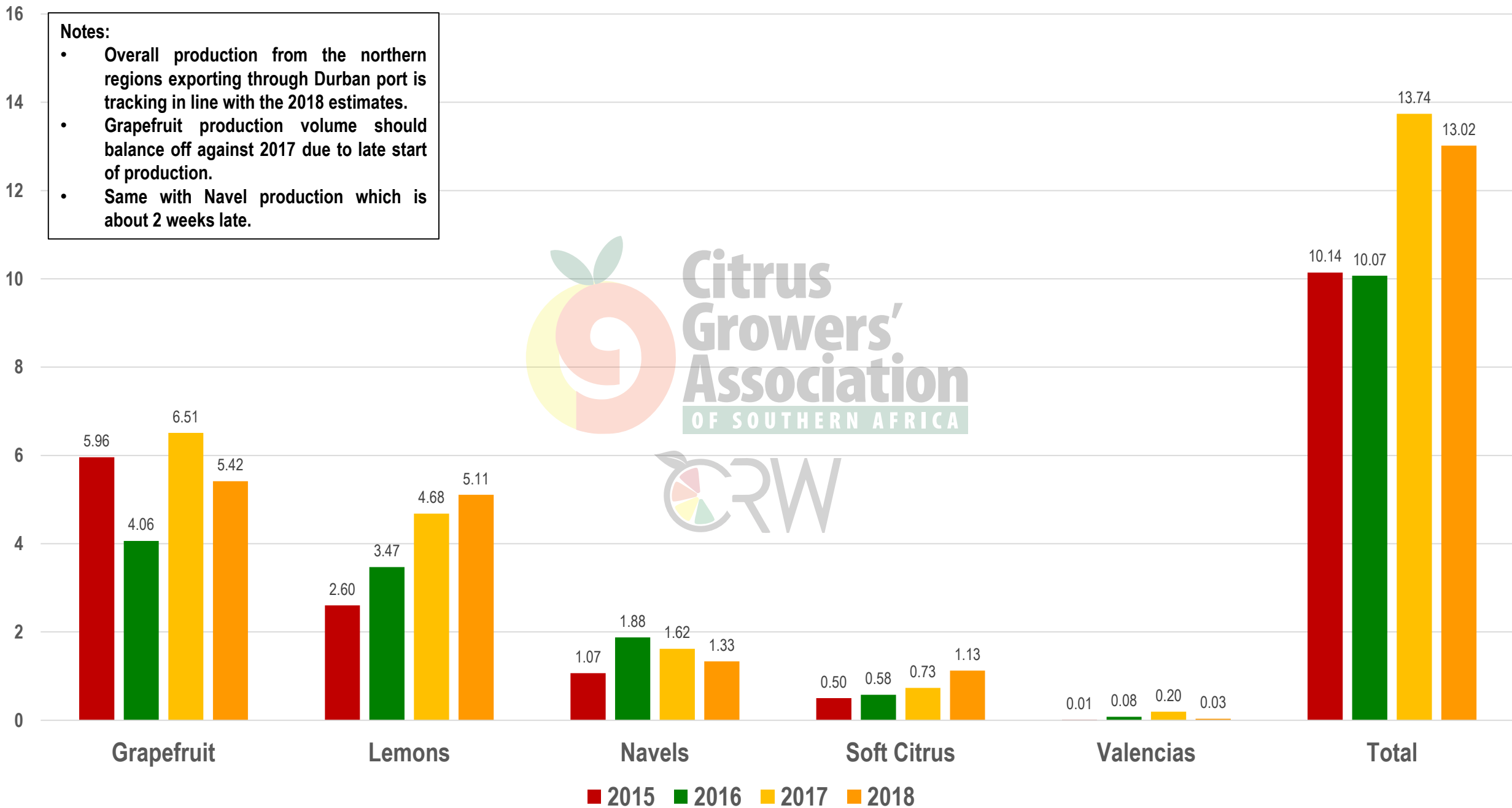
Northern Regions Citrus Export Production Volume YTD

Notes:

- Overall production from the northern regions exporting through Durban port is tracking in line with the 2018 estimates.
- Grapefruit production volume should balance off against 2017 due to late start of production.
- Same with Navel production which is about 2 weeks late.



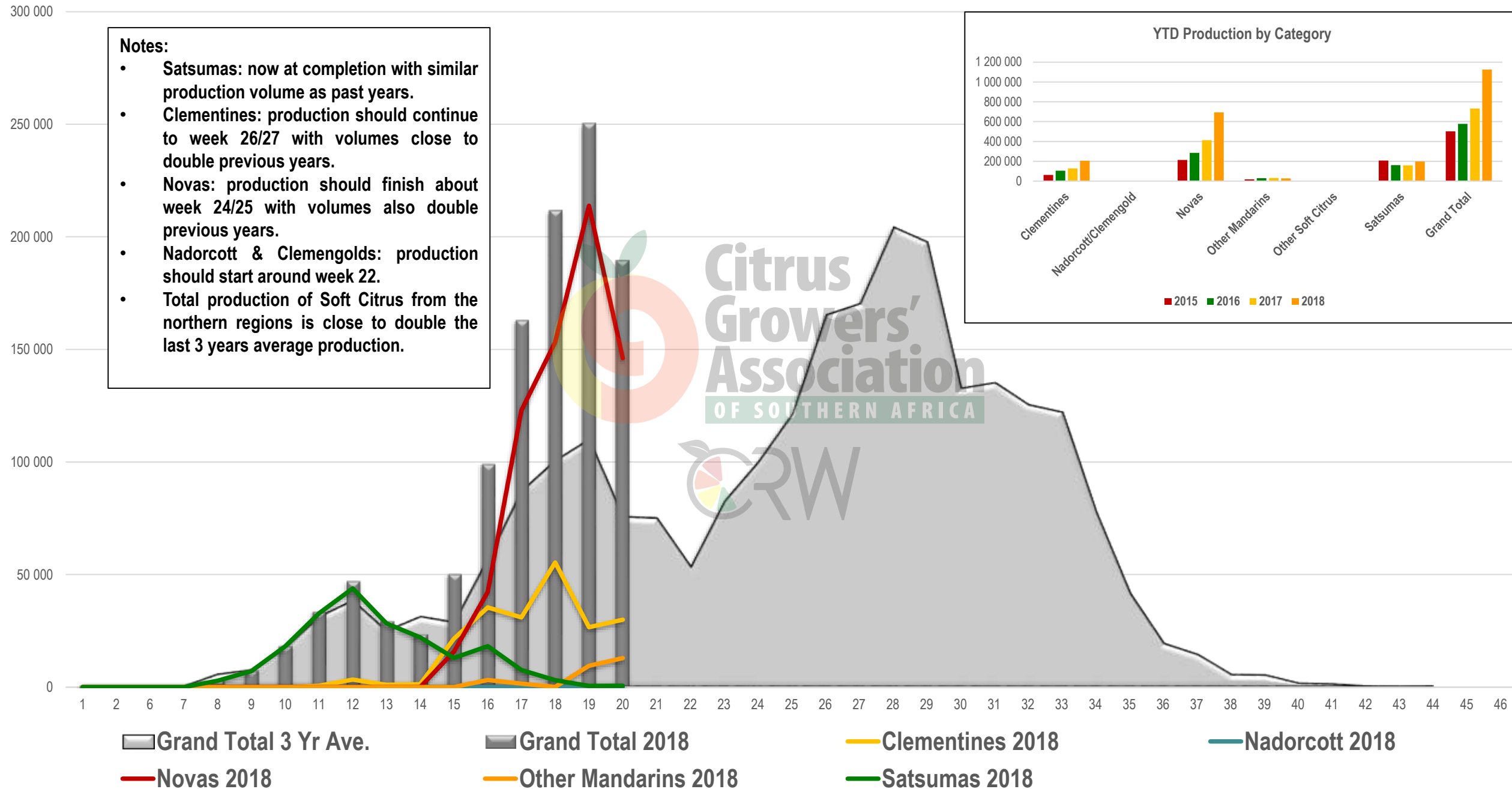
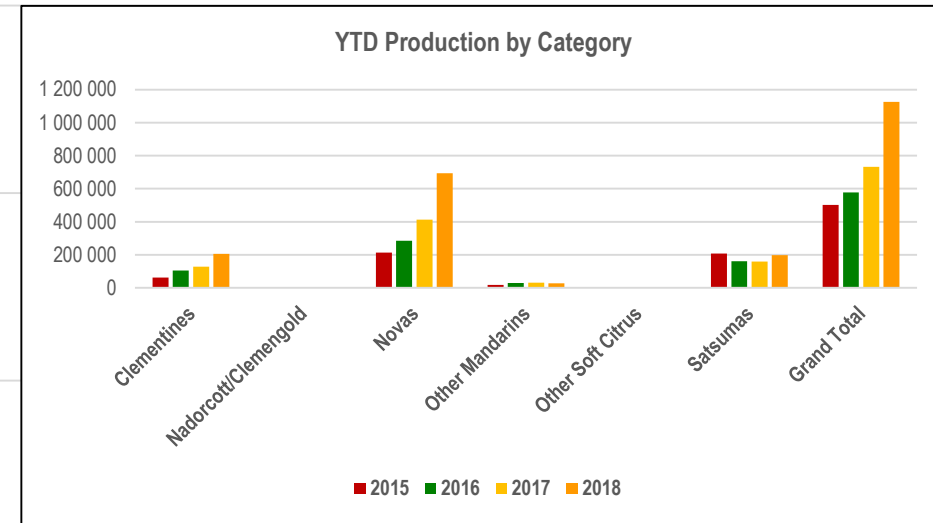
15Kg cartons Eqv. Millions



Northern Regions Soft Citrus Production 2018 vs. 3 Yr Average Production

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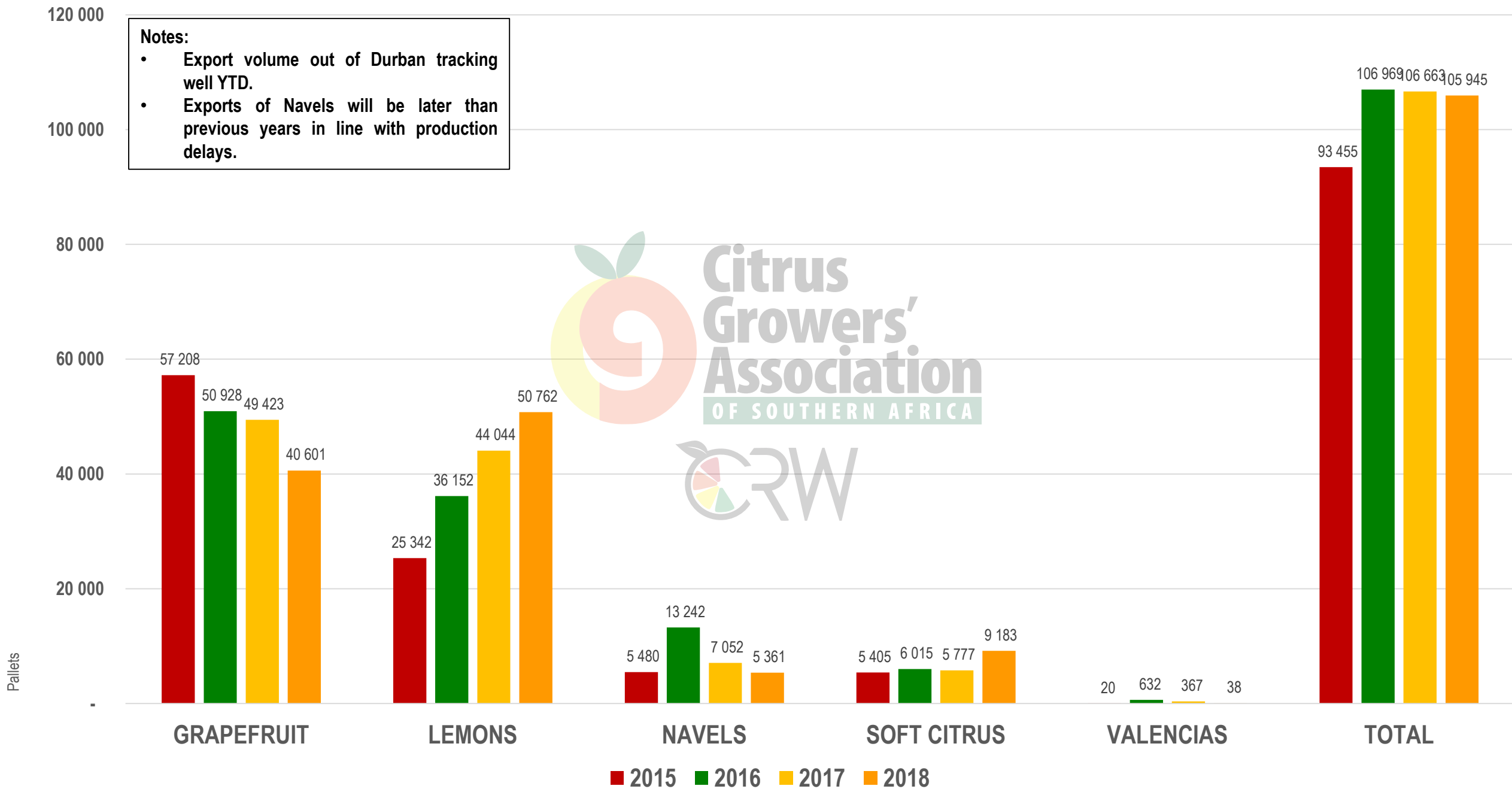
- **Satsumas:** now at completion with similar production volume as past years.
- **Clementines:** production should continue to week 26/27 with volumes close to double previous years.
- **Novas:** production should finish about week 24/25 with volumes also double previous years.
- **Nadorcott & Clemengolds:** production should start around week 22.
- **Total production of Soft Citrus from the northern regions** is close to double the last 3 years average production.



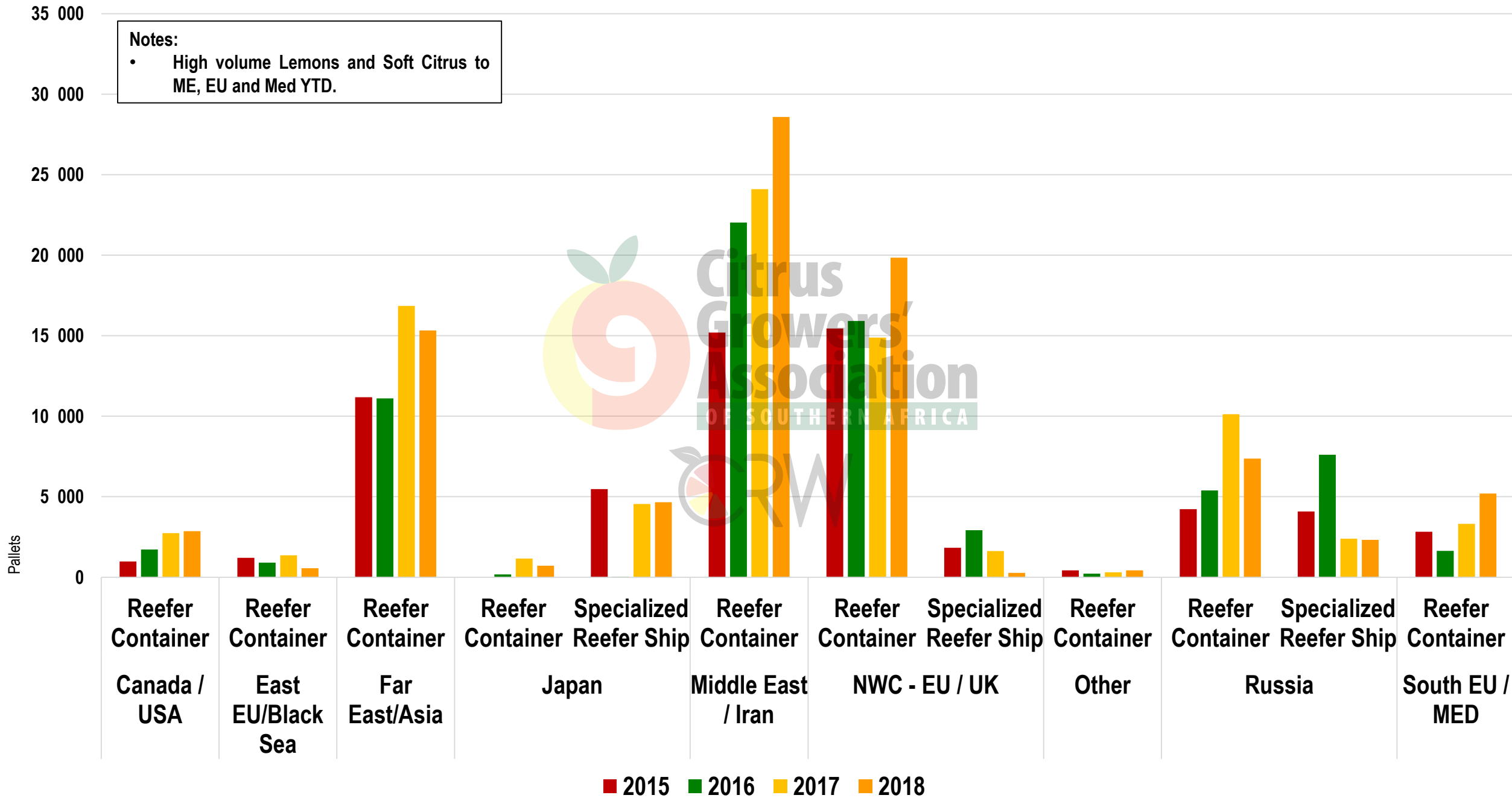
Durban Port Citrus Export Volume by Commodity YTD

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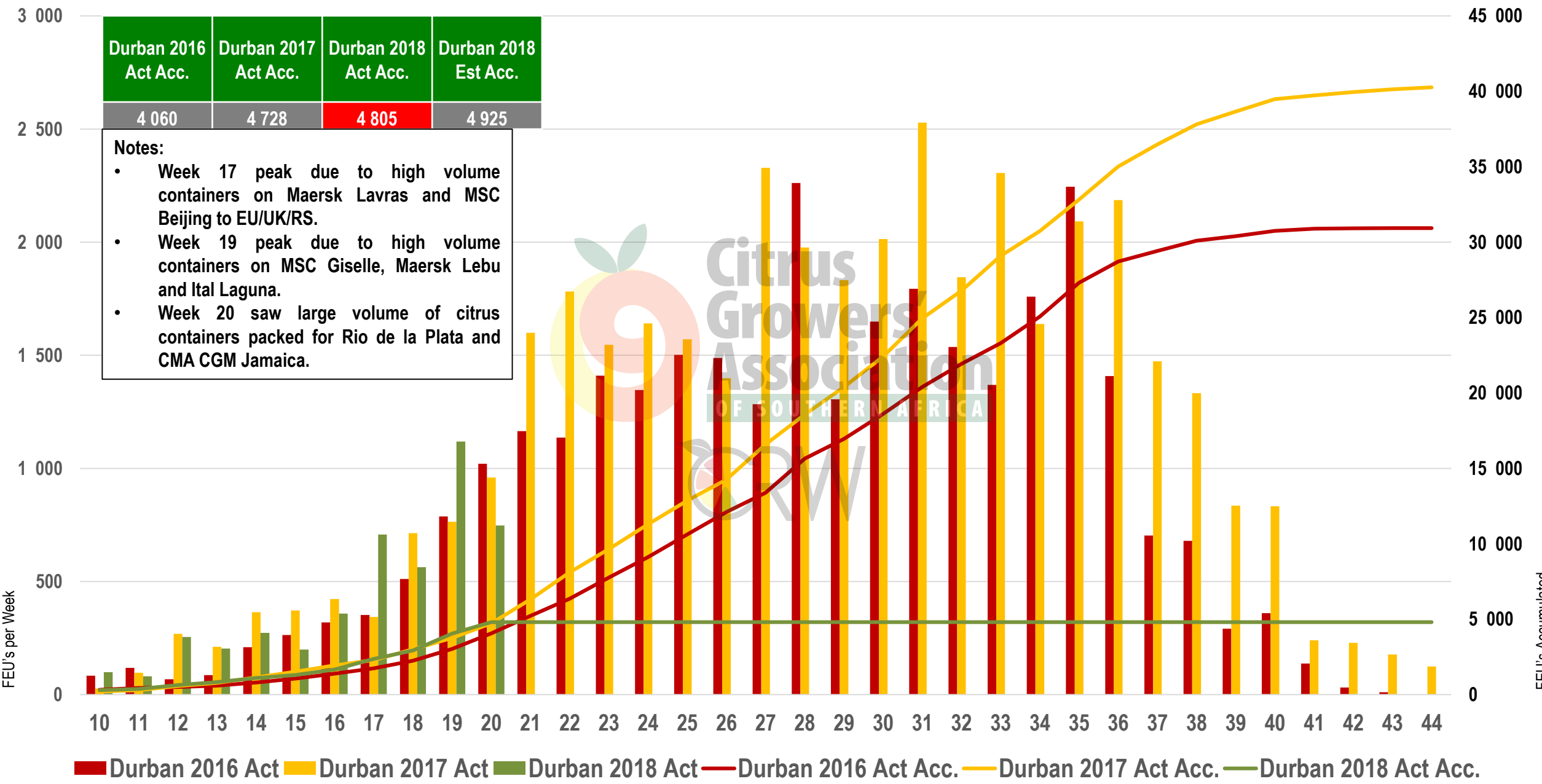
- Export volume out of Durban tracking well YTD.
- Exports of Navels will be later than previous years in line with production delays.



Durban Port Citrus Export Volume by Market by Ship Mode YTD



Durban Port Citrus Reefer Export Volume YTD ex DCT/MW/DRT



SUMMARY:

- Farm truck intakes (Thur) – truck arrivals to Durban noticeable higher again this week. No major truck delays can be detected at most cold stores. Higher truck volume with Grapefruit consignments to FPT and MFT for Japan, Korea and China still very noticeable. High truck volume in Maydon Wharf area evident.
- Cold storage capacity – stock volume in Durban at 50% capacity with some cold stores at 80%.
- Railed containers from inland to DCT – 3rd train ex Bela Bela arrived DCT this week on return. 1st Train ex Tzaneen on route to DCT ETA am tomorrow (26/5).
- Durban Container Terminal – truck TTT at DCT Pier 2 last week ave. = 111min (excellent), this week ave = 179min (Mon to Thur). No major truck delays reported. No vessels delayed at anchorage >48hrs – berthing 100% on time boding well to minimize stack date changes.
- Japan SEP – 2nd vessel Baltic Pearl at MFT due to complete 25/5, 3rd vessel Dunedin Star at FPT due to commence 26/5. Rej. 1% FCM/CBS week 20. 36 Containers exported YTD with 17 containers planned week 22.
- Korea SEP – Rej. 3% Mealiebug wk 20. 65 containers exported YTD. Stock levels for South Korea have increased this week with container shipments planned for week 22. Focus is on NI consignment inspections to clear the backlog.
- General –
 - ***NB! Week 22-23 could see a spike in truck arrivals into Durban as Grapefruit production has shifted over into the Navel season with Soft Citrus and Lemon production also spiking this year.***
 - Export stacks for SAECS and MSCEM running in parallel causing container packing problems at cold stores due to high volume of export reefers for EU/UK/RS/BS/Med markets. To be raised with TPT at the DRCOF meeting being held on Thur 31/5.



The CGA Chairman, Mr Ben Vorster (2nd from left above) and Vice Chairman, Mr Cornel vd Merwe (left above) visited the MFT terminal in Durban this past week.