



Durban Port Friday Report

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

Week 34

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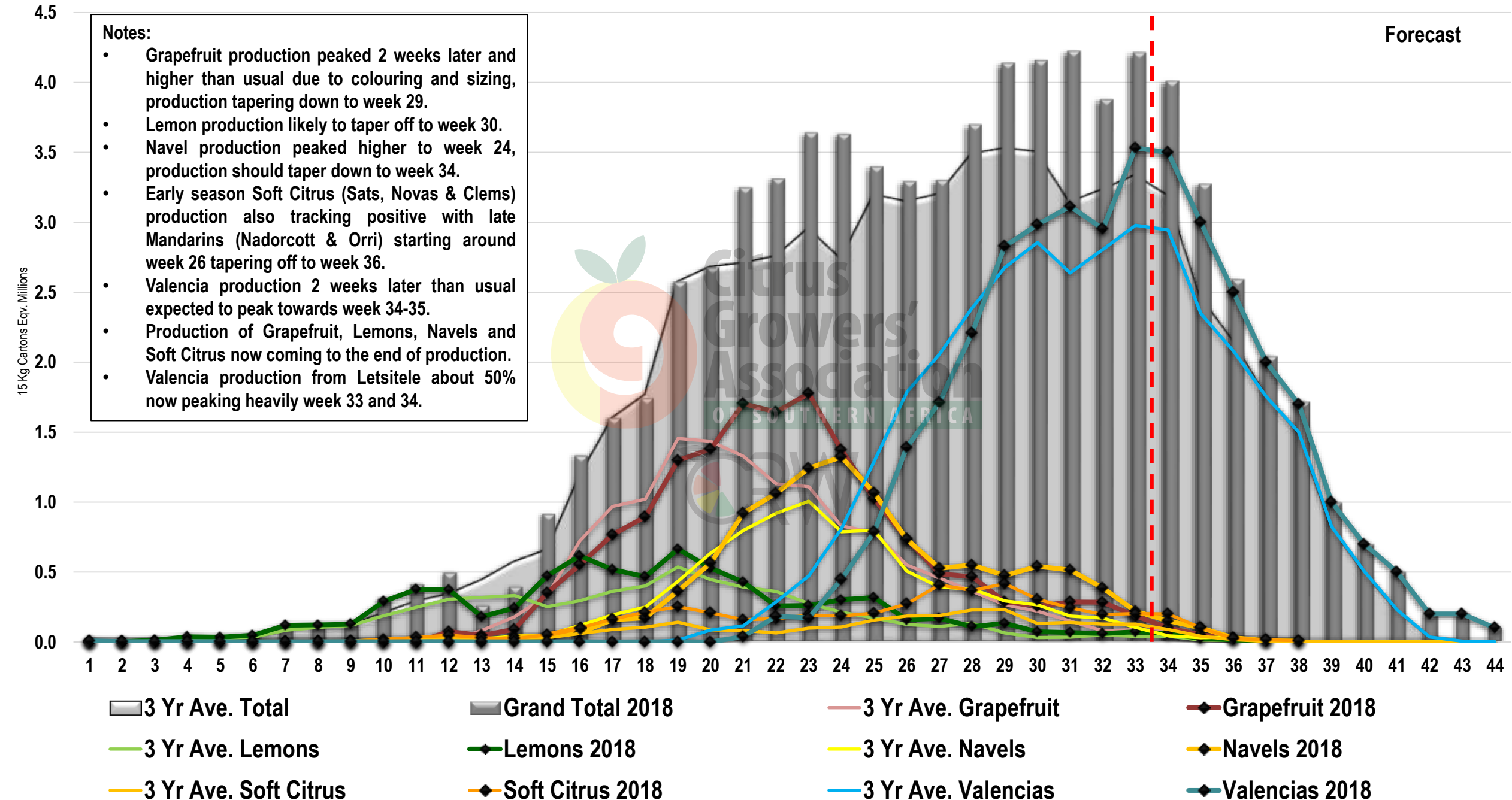


Northern Regions Weekly Citrus Export Production YTD 2018 vs. 3 Yr Ave. Production Volume

Notes:

- Grapefruit production peaked 2 weeks later and higher than usual due to colouring and sizing, production tapering down to week 29.
- Lemon production likely to taper off to week 30.
- Navel production peaked higher to week 24, production should taper down to week 34.
- Early season Soft Citrus (Sats, Novas & Clems) production also tracking positive with late Mandarins (Nadorcott & Orri) starting around week 26 tapering off to week 36.
- Valencia production 2 weeks later than usual expected to peak towards week 34-35.
- Production of Grapefruit, Lemons, Navels and Soft Citrus now coming to the end of production.
- Valencia production from Letsitele about 50% now peaking heavily week 33 and 34.

Forecast



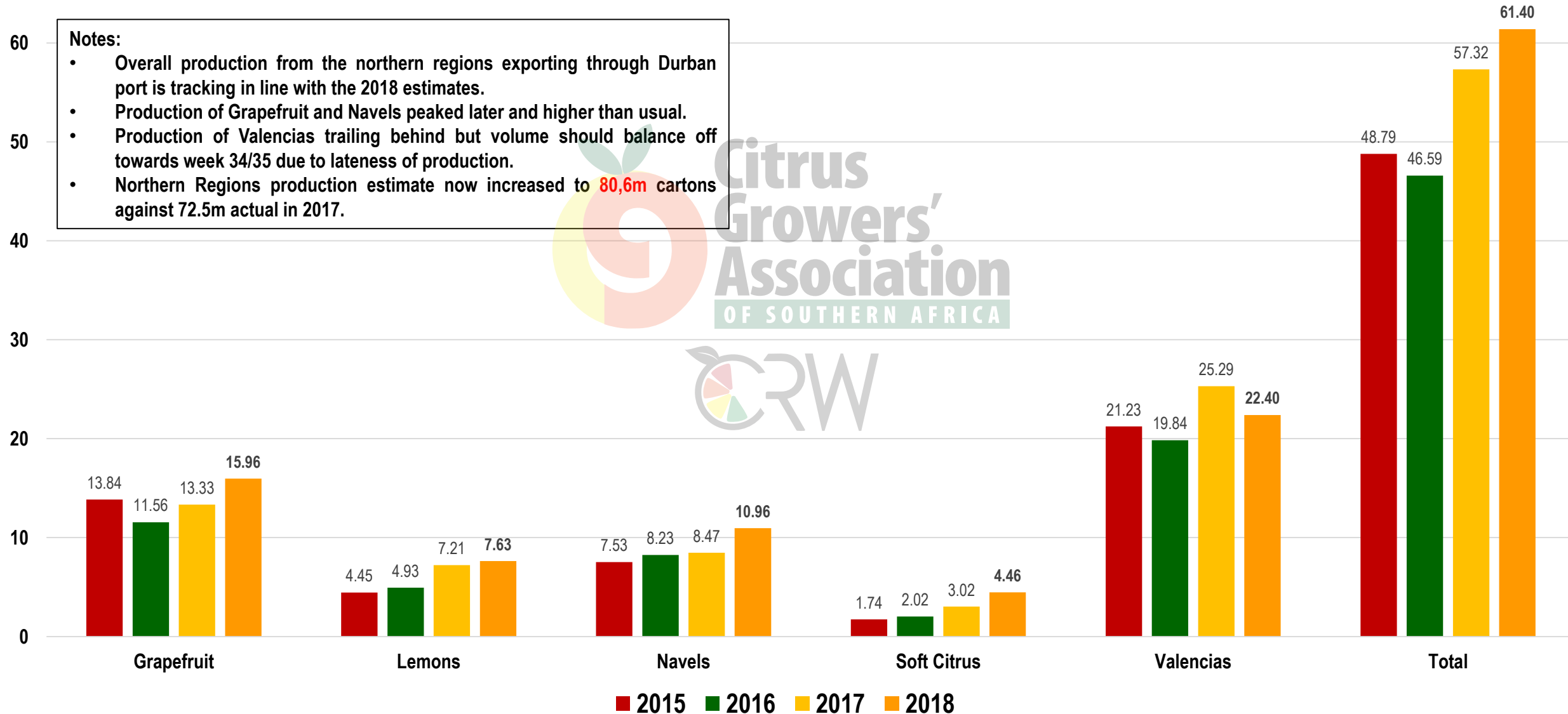
Northern Regions Citrus Export Production Volume 2015 -2018 YTD

Grapefruit	Lemons	Navels	Soft Citrus	Valencias	Total Estimate 2018
17m	8,5m	10,6m	5,4m	39,2m	80,6m

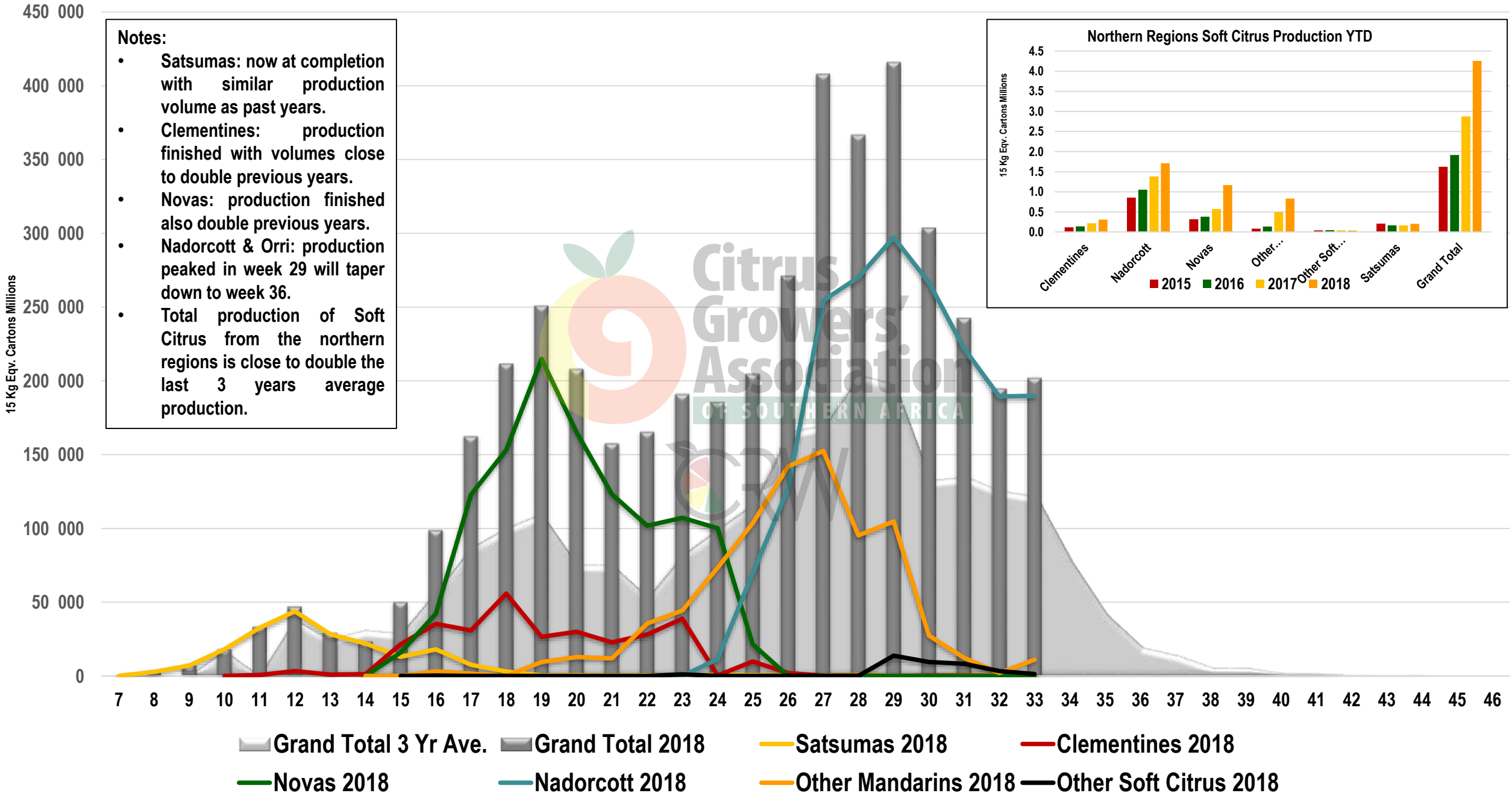
Notes:

- Overall production from the northern regions exporting through Durban port is tracking in line with the 2018 estimates.
- Production of Grapefruit and Navels peaked later and higher than usual.
- Production of Valencias trailing behind but volume should balance off towards week 34/35 due to lateness of production.
- Northern Regions production estimate now increased to **80,6m** cartons against 72.5m actual in 2017.

15Kg cartons Eqv. Millions



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



SUMMARY:

- Report not concluded due to travelling through to Mpumalanga last week.
- Farm truck intakes (Fri) – truck arrivals into Durban should remain high at least until end week 36.
- Cold storage capacity – stock holding in Durban roughly 80% capacity. Stock holding noticeably lower.
- Railed containers from inland to DCT – Tzaneen and Bela-Bela trains continue as normal. Reported that railing of reefers is peaking from Tzaneen and Bela Bela at present in line with the peaking of Valencia production. A trial of citrus transported ambient from City Deep to DCT has taken place. Please contact PPECB to understand the requirements of packing containers at packhouses to be transported to City Deep and railed ambient to Durban. Please contact me should you require a list of eligible rail operators.
- Durban Container Terminal – truck TTT at DCT Pier 2 last week ave. = 197 min with average 138 moves per hour. No vessels at anchorage >48 hours all schedules are on track.
- Japan SEP – last few containers planned for Japan at the moment. 199 Containers shipped YTD.
- Korea SEP – Rej. 3% GF Mealie bug/Marking requirements / OR 1% Mealie bug/Marking requirements week 34. 547 containers exported YTD. Stock levels for South Korea at 60 containers worth. Consignments for DAFF inspection on track and no delay at present.
- High volume of DAFF inspections and shipments to China continues.
- Reports that there is a shortage of COT reefer container equipment at this time. This is causing a backlog of shipments to South Korea, Japan and China.