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Citrus export data shows industry earnings dipping below R20 billion

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South Africa's overall citrus earnings have dipped slightly to just under R20 billion, latest data from the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA) showsMost concerning of all was that local market volumes remained at low levels, CEO Justin Chadwick said in his most recent weekly statement on behalf of the CGA.

Last year's export volumes also dipped below levels achieved in 2018 when South Africa recorded its highest citrus export volumes in the past ten years.

Despite export challenges faced by citrus last year, such as the wild cat strike at the Port of Ngqura and its spill-over effect on Durban, last year's export gross was the second highest over the last decade.

"Processed volumes increased slightly in 2019 with a concomitant decrease in export volumes," Chadwick said.

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