

Egypt displaces South Africa as the EU's main non-EU supplier of oranges

According to the '[Strengthened monitoring of EU citrus imports](https://www.mapa.gob.es/es/ganaderia/estadisticas/boletinn24-27deagostode2021_tcm30-575519.pdf)'

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In the 2020/21 season, based on data from September 2020 to July 2021, Egypt sent 309,668 tons of oranges to the EU, i.e. 21.7% more than in the 2019/20 season, while South Africa shipped 290,207 tons to the EU (-15.9%).

Morocco, the EU's third-largest supplier, sent 37,047 tons of oranges to the Community market in that period, i.e. 62.4% less than in the previous campaign.

In total, the EU imported 733,415 tons of oranges from third countries, i.e. 13.3% less than in the 2020/21 season.

1.46 million tons of citrus fruits

According to the report, which groups the Community market's citrus imports from third countries by oranges, small citrus fruits, lemons, and grapefruits, between September 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the EU imported a total of 1.46 million tons of citrus fruits. This quantity is 8.5% lower than in the same previous period (1.59 million tons) but 1.9% higher than the average of the last five years.

South Africa continues to be the leading supplier of citrus as a whole with 421,370 tons (-3.5% less than in the previous period). It is followed by Egypt with 325,256 tons (+16.1%), Turkey with 240,555 tons (-4.4%), Morocco with 139,265 tons (-24.4%), and Israel with 77,525 tons (-5.8%).

They are followed at a great distance by Argentina with 6,636 tons (-92.3%).

Small citrus from Morocco

In total, the EU imported 347,593 tons of small citrus fruits produced in non-EU countries (+ 0.7%).

Morocco was the EU's leading non-EU supplier with a volume of 109,822 tons (+ 12.6%). It was followed by Israel (58,663 tons, -4.5%), and by South Africa (57,603 t, + 15.1%).

Turkish lemon

The EU imported 180,858 tons (-24.8%) of lemon from third countries.

Turkey was the leading non-EU supplier of lemons with 107,837 tons, (+48.0%). It was followed by South Africa with 55,101 tons (-25.4%), and Argentina with 1,865 tons (-97.1%).

Grapefruit, from China

The EU imported 274,564 tons of grapefruit, i.e. 3.9% less volume than in the previous year.

The EU imported 112,806 tons of grapefruit from China (+ 3.2%), 61,853 tons from Turkey (-21.0%), and 61,050 tons from South Africa (+15.8%).

Source: [efeagro.com](https://www.efeagro.com/noticia/egipto-sudafrica-importador-naranja-ue-citricos/) (<https://www.efeagro.com/noticia/egipto-sudafrica-importador-naranja-ue-citricos/>).

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