

First conventional vessel with South Africa citrus arrives in the U.S. this week

The first of citrus from South Africa's conventional vessels shipped to the Port of Philadelphia are being discharged this week. The Prince of Seas vessel carries +/- 3,000 pallets of citrus, with two-thirds of the total volume containing easy peelers and the balance navel oranges. Going forward, the weekly arrivals of Star Ruby and Cara Cara will also be included as part of the offering.

For the remainder of the season, there will be weekly arrivals into the Port of Philadelphia on either dedicated conventional vessels or the bigger MSC container loads and some Maersk container vessels.



South Africa has had healthy rainfall which is needed and welcome to secure sustained growth in the production area.

On the production side, South Africa has a healthy crop and has packed almost 30 percent of its original estimates for the U.S. market, with 23 percent already shipped. Given it operates within a Mediterranean climate, South Africa has had

exporters, bilateral entities, shipping lines, the port of Cape Town, and many more supply chain and logistical service providers with a focus on executing this program with excellence.

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This video was filmed during the time that it loaded its first dedicated conventional vessel in Cape Town.

Citrus from South Africa prides itself on its planning and commitment to serve the U.S. market with a fresh and weekly supply of citrus fruit. As it works with a commodity with an ever-changing lifecycle along with operating in a challenging environment, it works to address unforeseen challenges as they occur and adjust accordingly very quickly. So far, the season is good, going according to plan, and is on schedule.



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