

South Africa citrus industry closes orange exports to EU for 2025

The Citrus Growers' Association of South Africa (CGA) and the Fresh Produce Exporters' Forum (FPEF) announced the conclusion of the 2025 orange exports to Europe. The final day of inspection for Valencia oranges exported to Europe from South African regions where Citrus Black Spot is present will be on Saturday the 20th of September.

This does not include exports from the Western and Northern Cape provinces. The closing also does not affect the limited remaining volumes of mandarins.

The closure date gives growers currently still packing one week to finalise their processes. As the South African citrus season in Europe comes to its natural end around the middle of October, this gives the floating consignments of approved oranges time to reach destinations in Europe.

The CGA and FPEF's announcement also allows the northern hemisphere to take advantage of current market conditions. It is in a spirit of continued and growing co-operation with European citrus producers, especially in Spain, that the South African industry now hands over the handling of citrus demand to the northern hemisphere.

Consumers worldwide, including Europe, have shown an exceptional appetite for South African citrus. Local citrus growers have packed substantially more product for Europe than ever before.

The CGA and FPEF wants to thank growers, exporters and other industry role-players for their continued productivity and commitment to an industry that supports 140 000 livelihoods on farm level alone.

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