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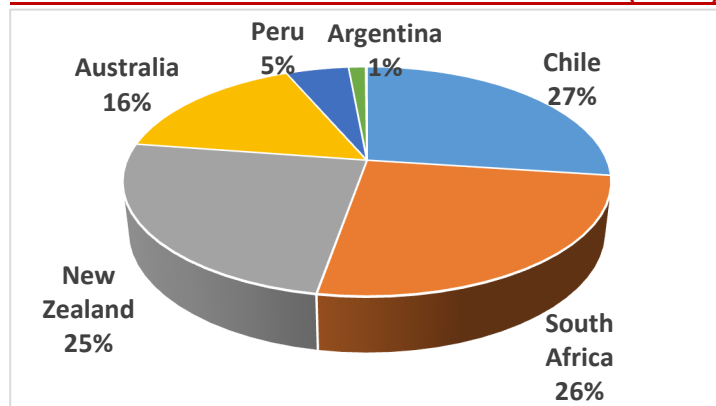
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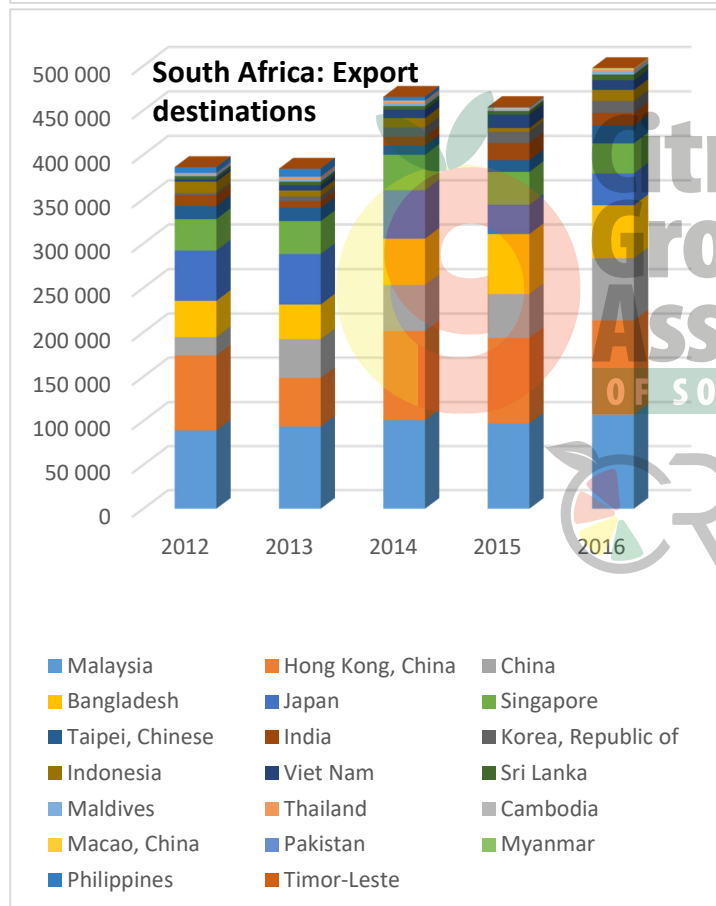


“Asia is not going to be civilized after the methods of the West. There is too much Asia and she is too old” Rudyard Kipling

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE EXPORTS INTO ASIA (TONS)



Chile	526,775
South Africa	497,644
New Zealand	478,311
Australia	314,479
Peru	96,381
Argentina	26,230
Uruguay	2,145
Total	1,941,965



South Africa's participation at AsiaFruit Logistica was bigger and better than ever before.

Department Trade and Industry have come to the table resulting in more square metres and more delegates. The stand was buzzing for the full three days. The reason is not hard to see – with 500 000 tons of South Africa fruit shipped to the region, and an extremely diverse range of destinations, South Africa is stamping its mark in Asia. This is despite many competitive imbalances – competitors have supportive governments negotiating a myriad of partial and free trade agreements, giving their traders a distinct advantage.

Nevertheless the unique taste, excellent quality and range of product, coupled with dedicated exporters who go the extra mile; and attractive pricing levels, has resulted in South Africa being the southern hemispheres number one citrus exporter to Asia. As efforts to optimise access conditions gain results, South African fruit exports to Asia will grow.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To End Week 36 Million 15 Kg Cartons SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	Packed 2015	Packed 2016	Packed 2017	Shipped 2016	Shipped 2017	Original Estimate 2017	Latest Prediction 2017	Final Packed 2016
Grapefruit	16 m	13.2 m	15.6 m	13.1 m	14.1 m	15.6 m	15.7 m	13.2 m
Soft Citrus	9.7 m	12 m	13.2 m	11.1 m	12.6 m	13.2 m	13.8 m	12.2 m
Lemons	14.5 m	14.7 m	18.7 m	14.3 m	18.3 m	17.5 m	18.7 m	15 m
Navels	24.3 m	26.2 m	21 m	25.4 m	21 m	26.3 m	21 m	26.2 m
Valencia	39.8 m	37.4 m	44.7 m	33.7 m	36.7 m	50.1 m	49 m	41.8 m
Total	104.3 m	103.5 m	113.2 m	97.6 m	102.7 m	122.7 m	118.2 m	108.4 m

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