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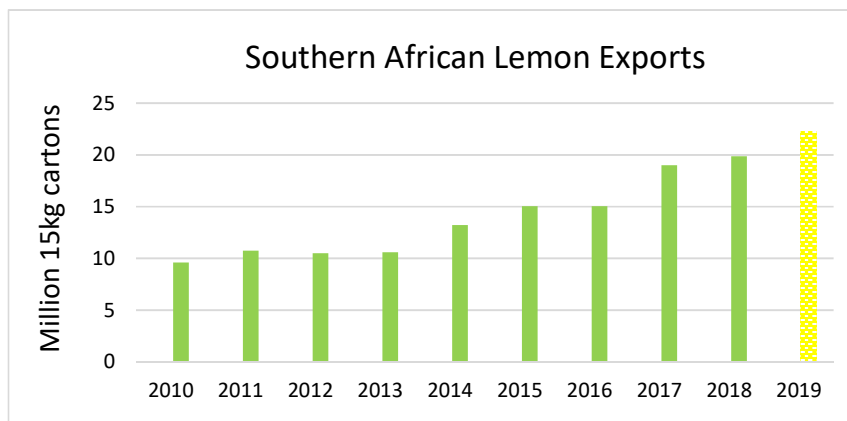
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"The time is always right, to do what is right." Martin Luther King, Jnr.

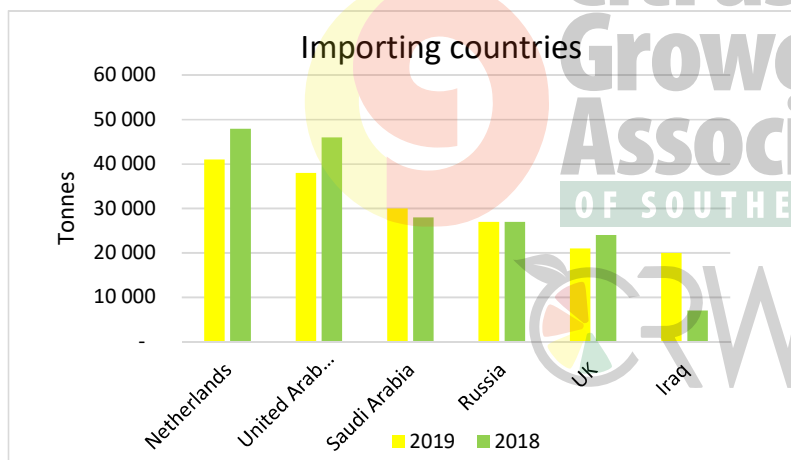
2019 LEMON SEASONAL REVIEW (Prepared by Portia Magwaza; CGA Research Economist)



The curtain is down on the 2019 lemon season and it has been a record in terms of the volumes packed for export. The 22.1 million 15 kg cartons packed (331 500 tonnes) surpasses the 2018 volume of 19.9 million cartons.

The initial estimate was for 22 million cartons and the final tally being 22.1 million – well done Lemon Focus Group. The biggest region (Sundays River Valley) at 10.2 million cartons was 2 % over the estimate; Senwes at 3.8 m cartons was 18% under the estimate;

while Boland at 1.5 m was 79% over the estimate. Patensie with 1.3 m cartons was 36% over the estimate whereas Hoedspruit (1.3 m) was 14% less than the estimate.



Netherlands remains the global leader in terms of the importation of the Southern African lemons- importing 41 000 tonnes, despite the slight drop from the 48 000 in 2018. The United Arab Emirates imports have fallen from 46 000 tonnes in 2018, to 38 000 tonnes in 2019. Saudi Arabia imports increase from 28 000 tonnes (2018) to 30 000 tonnes (2019) just ahead of Russia (27 000). And lastly UK (21 000) rounding the top five importing countries. Surprisingly Iraq experiences large volume increase from the previous year 7 000 tonnes to 20 000 tonnes imported.

The Lemon Focus Group anticipated an increase in the lemon volumes in the years to come as the young orchards are coming into production.

Reminder: Citrus growers and stakeholders are reminded that the Annual Citrus Coordinating Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November at Ingwenyama Conference Centre, White River (Nelspruit) from 09.00 until 13.00.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Million 15 Kg Cartons to end Week 44	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AgriHub	2017	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019	2019	2018
Grapefruit	15.6 m	18.7 m	16.1 m	17.2 m	14.7 m	17.1 m	16.1 m	18.8 m
Soft Citrus	13.4 m	16.1 m	18.2 m	15.8 m	17.5 m	18.3 m	18.2 m	16.2 m
Lemons	19 m	19.8 m	22.1 m	19.3 m	19.7 m	22 m	22.1 m	19.9 m
Navels	21.1 m	26.6 m	24.3 m	26.3 m	22.8 m	26.9 m	24.3 m	26.7 m
Valencia	53.9 m	54 m	46.8 m	52 m	45.2 m	52.9 m	46.8 m	54.4 m
Total	123 m	135.2 m	127.5 m	130.6 m	119.9 m	137.2 m	127.5 m	136 m

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