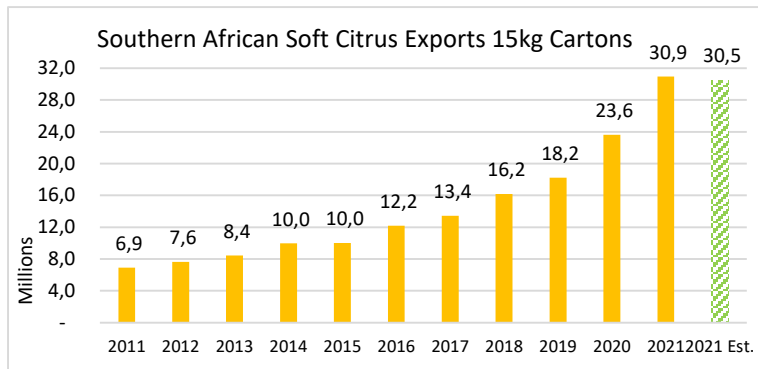


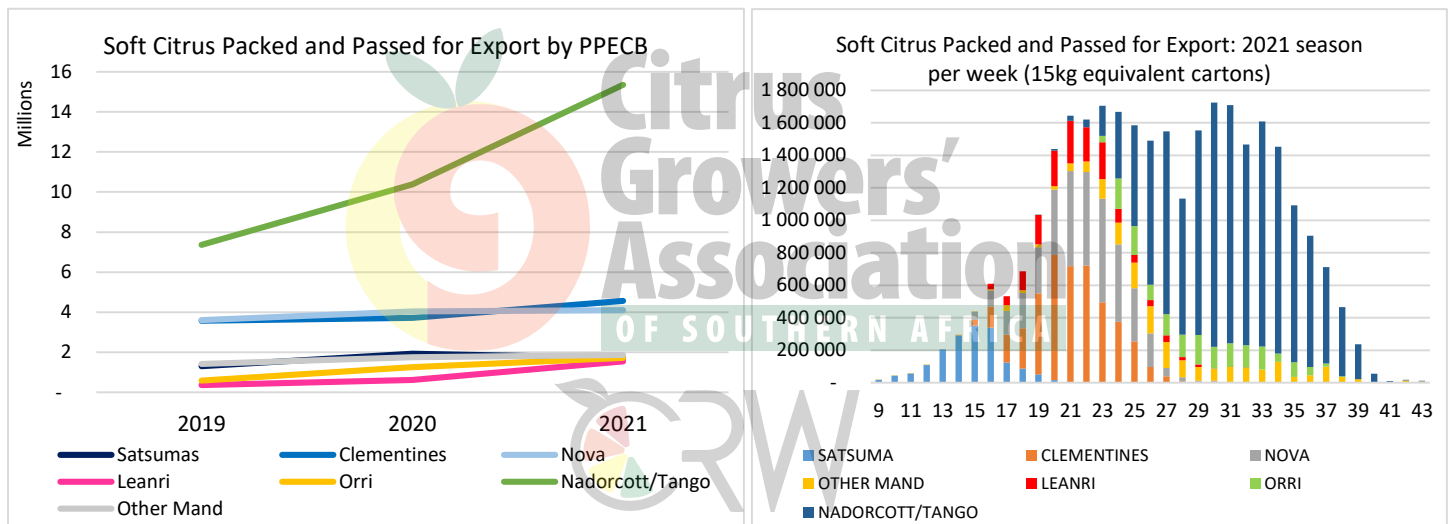
"Leadership is about vision and responsibility, not power." – Seth Berkley

2021 Soft Citrus Seasonal Review (Portia Magwaza)



The curtain is down on the 2021 Soft Citrus season and it has been a record in terms of the volumes packed for export. The 30.9 million 15 kg cartons packed surpasses the 2020 volume of 23.6 million cartons. The initial estimate in March 2021 was for 30.5 million cartons. The biggest region (Boland) at 6.3 million cartons was 19% over the estimate; W. Cape at 5.8 million cartons was 5% above the estimate; while Burgersfort/Ohrigstad at 4.2 million was 11% over the estimate.

Nadorcott/Tango continue to dominate this category – rising to 15.3 million cartons in 2021. Orri increased to 1.7 million and Leanri ended at 1.6 million. Nova's declined slightly to 4.1 million cartons whilst Clementines ended at 4.6 million cartons. Satsumas declined at 1.7 million. The Soft Citrus Focus Group anticipated an increase in the Clementines and Mandarins volumes in the years ahead as the young orchards come into production.



In terms of market distribution, Europe is the largest market for Southern African- importing 114 000 tonnes. They were followed by United Kingdom (84 000 tonnes), Middle East (65 000 tonnes) and North-America (53 000 tonnes). And lastly South East Asia imported 42 000 tonnes rounding the top five importing markets.

As observed for other citrus varieties, and despite the record crop, 2021 has been a very challenging season and total returns back to growers has been affected by significantly higher logistics costs and generally lower prices. There is also substantially more southern Hemisphere competition in the Soft citrus category – and many of these competitors are increasing their supply.

Phytosanitary Market Registration – Deadline 6th December 2021

Growers were reminded at the DALRRD Regional Roadshows this week that phytosanitary registrations close on 6th December 2021. Growers are urged to get their registrations done ASAP. CGA is also appealing to growers to include young orchards into the system so a proper Tree Census can be completed (the system was updated to allow for non-bearing trees to be included again).

COVID 19 Vaccinations

Administered in last 24 hours = 121 359; total administered = 25 123 452; Individual vaccinated = 16 415 272 (= 41.25% of adult population). Source: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/latest-vaccine-statistics/>