

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (43/25)

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“Productivity is never an accident. It is always the result of a commitment to excellence, intelligent planning, and focused effort” - Paul J. Meyer

LOGISTICS REFORM NOW REALLY TAKING SHAPE

On Thursday this week the CGA team, with Transnet and stakeholders, had the opportunity to celebrate the commissioning of the first two new ship-to-shore cranes at Durban Pier 1. The next two will be operational near the end of November 2025. These massive machines provide the potential for a significant boost in productivity. This comes as Transnet strives toward ensuring SA ports match global throughput benchmarks.

In her address at the commissioning, the Minister of Transport, Barbara Creecy, highlighted just how important Transnet's role is in building ecosystems that benefit the economy. Reaching targets, such as 30 container moves per hour, can directly drive economic growth.

This is good news on top of what has been a successful season in terms of logistics. At the start of the 2025 citrus export season, the outlook for logistics was a concern for the citrus industry. For many in the sector, logistics remained one of the most significant constraints on our ability to compete globally. In February, the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP) that quantified the direct and indirect impact of road, rail and port inefficiencies on the 2024 citrus season at a staggering R5.3 billion.

But this year there has been a marked improvement. Citrus exports were processed at ports without much delay, especially at the Port of Durban, and throughout the entire export window. The season was also unique in its collaborative nature. There was a singular focus among all logistics chain role-players - including the private sector - to make sure our growers got their fruit to market. This was not just regarding port activities, but also the efforts made to ensure rail transport contributed to the season.

Here are some interesting logistics statistics from the 2025 export season:

- Transnet container terminals handled over 19 percent more fruit this year across the ports
- 117 000 reefer containers carrying citrus have been shipped.
- Long-haul railing of citrus containers are up from 1 064 last year to 1 254 in 2025

The CGA expresses its sincere thanks to Transnet and all in the supply chain for working together to get a record crop out.

CITRUS MARKETING FORUM (CMF)

To register for the CMF that will take place on Thursday 30th October 2025 at 10h30 please use this link: [MS Teams registration link](#).

PACKED AND SHIPPED

End of Week 42 million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025
Grapefruit	14.2 m	14.4 m	15.3 m	14.1 m	15.0 m*	15.3 m	15.3 m	14.4 m	16.8 m
Lemons	36.8 m	34.7 m	41.3 m	34.5 m	40.9 m	32.9 m	41.3 m	34.7 m	41.5 m
Mandarins	40.1 m	41.6 m	53.5 m	41.2 m	52.0 m	44.9 m	53.5 m	41.6 m	43.9 m
Navels	26.1 m	25.1 m	31.5 m	24.7 m	31.0 m	26.1 m	31.5 m	25.1 m	21.7 m
Valencia	53.5 m	48.7 m	61.6 m	48.0 m	59.4 m	52.0 m	61.7 m	48.8 m	58.0 m
Total	170.7 m	164.5 m	203.2 m	162.5 m	198.3 m	171.2 m	203.3 m	164.6 m	181.9 m

*Latest figure unavailable due to technical issues.