

Global Citrus Scan (2018_44)

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Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

Peru: There still are many areas growing mandarins with seeds

The manager of the Association of Citrus Producers of Peru (ProCitrus), Sergio del Castillo Valderrama, said that Peru still had many areas that grow mandarins with seeds...Del Castillo Valderrama also said that there were 18,000 hectares of mandarin in the country. Of this total, he said, 8,500 hectares are in the hands of companies associated with ProCitrus and the remaining 9,500 mostly belong to small and medium producers. Of the first group, 95% of the fruits are destined for export and only 5% goes to the local market, he added...Sergio del Castillo said this varietal replacement would increase Peru's mandarin exportable supply...The manager of ProCitrus also said that this campaign, mandarin shipments grew by 8% over 2017. However, he said, the union expected to reach a double-digit increase...We had some physiological disorders due to climate issues that caused acidity to fall and skin quality problems.

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Global orange consumption on the rise

According to the report "World - Oranges - Market Analysis, Forecast, Size, Trends and Insights", recently published by IndexBox, the global orange consumption reached 75M tonnes in 2017, going up by 2% against the previous year. The total consumption volume had been increasing at an average annual rate of +1.2% from 2007 to 2017... Over the period under review, the global orange consumption attained its peak figure volume in 2017, and is likely to see steady growth in the immediate term.... The countries with the highest volumes of orange consumption in 2017 were Brazil (17M tonnes), China (9.5M tonnes), and India (8M tonnes), together comprising 46% of global consumption. From 2007 to 2017, the most notable growth rate of orange consumption, among the main consuming countries, was attained by China (+10.6% per year), while the other global leaders experienced more modest paces of growth...Driven by increasing demand for orange from Asian countries, the market is expected to continue an upward consumption trend over the next eight years. The performance of the market is forecast to retain its current trend pattern, expanding with an anticipated CAGR of +0.9% for the eight-year period from 2017 to 2025, which is projected to bring the market volume to 81M tonnes by the end of 2025.

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Leading the grapefruit world

...“The curtain is down on the 2018 grapefruit season and it has been a record in terms of volume packed for export,” said the Citrus Growers’ Association’s (CGA) Justin Chadwick. The country exported 16.4m 17kg cartons (279,000 tonnes), which is more than the 16.1m cartons achieved five years ago in the 2013 season...“With this record crop, South Africa remains the number one exporter of grapefruit globally. In the Southern Hemisphere, other citrus producing countries have all but stopped exporting grapefruit, leaving Southern Africa as the sole exporter of any significant volume.”

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South Africa: Reasons for grapefruit explosion in China remain unclear

As a very long citrus season comes to an end, the grapefruit – once called the “turnaround fruit” – has once again proven a tough nut to crack. Volumes came in a lot later and at much higher volumes than originally estimated and peaked simultaneously with navels, which caused a huge influx of cargo at Durban Harbour, where infrastructure was already straining under the season’s high volumes. China was a major recipient of South Africa’s grapefruit, exports more than doubling this year to 51,000 tonnes... It’s uncertain what led to the explosion in grapefruit to China, FreshPlaza is told, and whether this has been as a result of a pull for the fruit or whether it has been a result of Chinese traders taking orders without necessarily having a market for the fruit. “Chinese traders are gamblers” is a refrain among the South African citrus industry when talking about this year’s grapefruit campaign...While some in the grapefruit industry aren’t impressed by the small counts that have ended up being exported, they add that it is a free trading environment. The caution exercised during previous seasons was thrown to the wind this year by some exporters, it is said. South Africa, the de facto sole grapefruit exporter from the Southern Hemisphere, needs new markets. The USA might take some from the north of South Africa in... India is another one the citrus industry has been working on, although trade received a setback due to a change in the cold protocol in April this year. After more than a decade of successful in-transit cold treatment, India now demands land-based cold treatment on the South African side which is detrimental from a quality and cost point of view. The Philippines is close to opening for South African citrus, although like all new markets initial volumes will be small.

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