

## Europe: Drop in citrus fruit exports to EU

Here is the Freshfel data concerning 2014 citrus fruit exports from southern hemisphere countries.

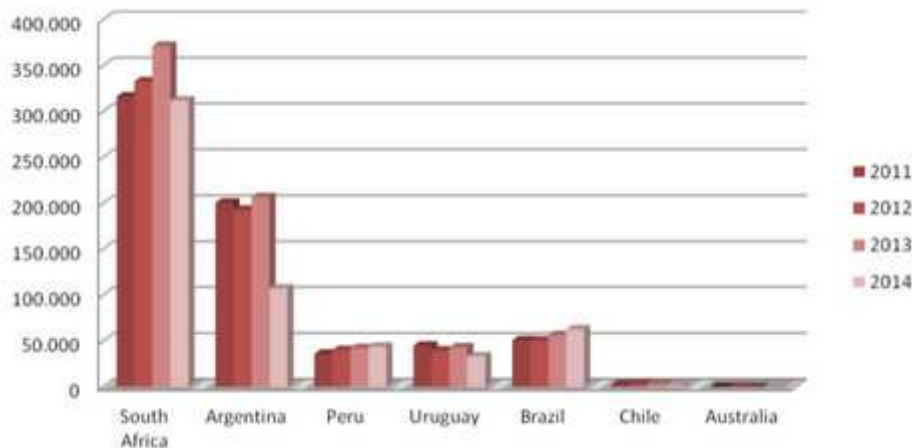
Between January and August, citrus fruit exports towards the European Union reached 561,440 tons, far less than the previous three years.

### *Southern hemisphere: citrus fruit exports towards the EU (January-August)*

Country	2011 (Jan-Aug)	2012 (Jan-Aug)	2013 (Jan-Aug)	2014 (Jan-Aug)	2014/2013	2014/A3Y
South Africa	316.229	332.878	371.569	312.037	-16%	-8%
Argentina	200.458	192.847	206.685	107.186	-48%	-46%
Peru	36.106	40.310	42.232	43.798	4%	11%
Uruguay	45.006	39.711	43.140	33.238	-23%	-22%
Brazil	50.835	50.503	56.412	62.805	11%	19%
Chile	2.476	3.410	3.858	1.934	-50%	-40%
Australia	62	250	166	442	166%	177%
<b>Total</b>	<b>651.172</b>	<b>659.910</b>	<b>724.061</b>	<b>561.440</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>-17%</b>

In Argentina, the export season was influenced by the economy and by freezes. Lemon production reached 650,000 tons in 2014 and will increase to 1.15 million tons in 2015. Oranges recorded 600,000 tons (1 million in 2015), tangerines reached 260,000 tons (500,000 in 2015) and grapefruit recorded 60,000 tons (100,000 in 2015).

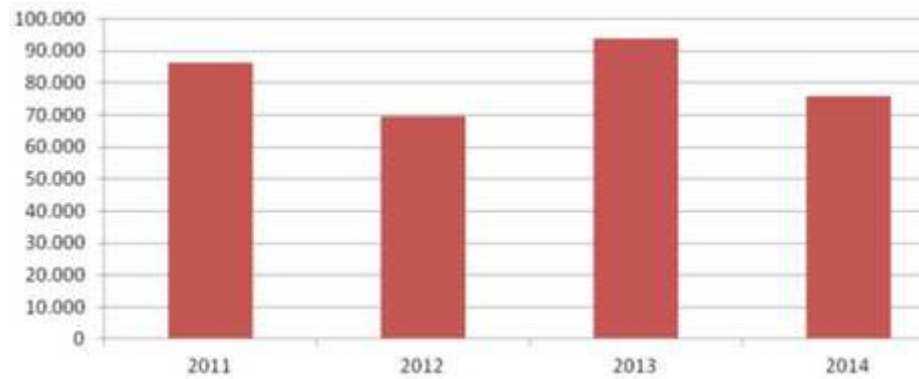
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Citrus fruit represent 58% of South African fruit exports (i.e. 1.14 million tons). The season was affected by the Citrus Black Spot and by new parameters concerning residue levels. 14% less oranges reached the EU market - 420,000 tons in total. Shipments towards Asia increased (+44% Navel and +18% Valencia) and volumes sent to the Middle East are stable at 245,000 tons.

The situation of lemons is quite different. Volumes exported reached a record level of 200,000 tons (+22% towards all destinations and +29% towards Europe). Exports of tangerines also increased (+2% towards the EU). Grapefruit exports dropped by 20%.

### **South Africa: grapefruit exports**



As regards Peru, exported volumes of tangerines have increased but there has been a drop in the minneola.

The total volumes exported in 2014 by Uruguay reached 113,000 tons (around 35,000 tons towards the EU). The country can now export to the US, with good perspectives also in Russia and Brazil.

Source: [www.freshplaza.com/](http://www.freshplaza.com/) 13/11/2014