

## Continuing strong growth of South African citrus production

South African citrus production is forecast to continue its strong growth in the 2018/19 MY, due to expanded planted area, favorable weather conditions and strong demand. Trade is a key driver in the growth of South African citrus production, with total exports accounting for 79 percent of the total citrus production. The United States remains a key market for South African citrus growers seeking to maintain and expand market access for oranges and soft citrus. In the 2017/18 MY, citrus exports to the United States amounted to US\$47 Million. The growth in orange production and supply has also led to the increase in orange juice production.

The production of grapefruit is forecast to increase by 7 percent to 450,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, due to the rise in area planted, normal weather conditions, bigger sized fruits and the high level of newplanting in the past five years. Post forecasts that grapefruit exports will increase by 8 percent to 310,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, due to the increase in production, strong demand in global markets especially Asia and some countries in the European Union.

The production of oranges is forecast to increase by 5 percent to 1.62 Million MT in the 2018/19 MY, due to the rise in area planted, bigger sized fruits and normal weather conditions. The export of oranges is forecast to increase by 4 percent to 1.33 Million MT in the 2018/19 MY, based on the increase in production, growth in demand from China and Hong Kong, and successful efforts in addressing the Citrus Black Spot (CBS) challenges in the EU market.

The production of tangerines/mandarins is forecast to increase by 7 percent to 300,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, due to the rise in area planted, normal weather conditions, and the high level of newplantings in the past five years coming into full production. Tangerines/mandarins exports are forecast to increase by 7 percent



to 280,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, based on the increase in production and the industry strategy of prioritizing export markets such as the United States.

The production of lemons/limes is forecast to increase by 4 percent to 480,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, due to the rise in area planted, normal weather conditions, and the high level of new-plantings in the past five years coming into full production. The exports of lemons and limes is forecast to increase by 5 percent to 330,000 MT in the 2018/19 MY, based on the increase in production and growth in demand from the Middle East and Asian markets.

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