

Peruvian citrus exports have increased by 3.59% in 2019

The Association of Citrus Producers of Peru (ProCitrus) published the country's citrus export figures for the first eight months of 2019. During this period, Peruvian citrus exports (tangerine, tangelo, orange, lemon, and grapefruit) totaled 171,772 tons, i.e. 3.59% (equivalent to 5,967 tons) more than the 165,805 tons shipped in the same period of last year.

Sergio del Castillo Valderrama, the general manager of ProCitrus, said that this growth had been driven by the increase in shipments of orange and lemon. Mandarin exports (which represents the bulk of the shipments), experienced a slight increase in the period analyzed.

Mandarin exports during the analyzed period reached 128,960 tons. In the same period of 2018, they stood at 128,570 tons.

Orange juice (industrial), was a competitive product because it had good Brix degree and good juice yields. This fruit is exported to Holland, England, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia, among other destinations.

Lemon exports have been improving since last year. Chile is still the main market for this product, but there is also an important volume that goes to Panama.

Markets

By week 35 of this year, Holland had already received more than 25 million kilos, which is more than the 24.7 million kilos shipped there throughout all of 2018. This market will continue to receive fruits, so it will be a destination that will register an interesting growth.

11.8 million kilos were sent to China, which received 10.4 million kilos in all of 2018. Last year the Asian giant was the market that increased its purchases of Peruvian citrus the most.



Peru is one of the few suppliers that has increased shipments to the United States.

Meanwhile, citrus exports to the United Kingdom are expected to decrease, as the country exported 40.5 million kilos to that destination in all of 2018 and had only exported 29.7 million to that market by week 35 of this year. The weakness of the pound has made this market lose its appeal in favor of other markets such as Holland.

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