

Anticipated Lower Orange Production in Egypt Due to Adverse Weather Conditions in 2019

In MY2019/20, FAS Cairo forecasts total exports to decrease by 200,000 MT to reach 1.5 MMT. FAS Cairo attributes this decrease to an anticipated lower production which will affect the export volume. Post is revising upward the estimates of fresh orange exports in MY2018/19, from 1.6 MMT to 1.7 MMT, as a result of higher production.

In MY2018/19, Egyptian orange exports reached 98 countries with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Netherlands, China, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Ukraine, India, and Malaysia remaining as Egypt's top ten export destinations for oranges (Figure 1). For example, also in the pipeline, Egypt is in the process of obtaining approvals from Brazil and Japan's phytosanitary authorities to open markets for Egyptian orange exports in those countries. Russia, Saudi Arabia and China constituted 43 percent of Egypt's total orange exports in MY 2018/19 compared to 40 percent in MY 2017/18. Post expects that the top ten export destinations will remain unchanged for MY 2019/20.

In MY 2018/19, Egypt's orange exports increased significantly in certain markets. Orange exports to China more than doubled from 100,211 MT in MY 2017/18 to 214,471 MT in MY 2018/19. Post anticipates more exports of Egyptian oranges to China in MY 2019/20 based on recent trends despite lower total orange exports being forecasted. Exports to Russia have increased by roughly 12 percent and Egyptian orange exports to Saudi Arabia have also increased by roughly 10 percent. Post anticipates same levels to be maintained in MY 2019/20.

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