

The Citrus Market in Russia



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Place of Russian Market in World Citrus Trade

- Due to cold climate Russia doesn't grow citrus and therefore is entirely dependent on imports for consumption of oranges, grapefruits, pomelo, soft citrus (mandarins), lemons.
- Russia remains in the top four global importers of citrus.
- In the following tables, split years refer to the harvest and marketing period, which corresponds roughly to November-October in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere the harvest and marketing period begins in the second year shown.

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Oranges

Importing Country	1 000 metric tons					
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/Jan18	17/Jul18
EU	819	927	974	995	990	1 090
Russia	469	440	473	430	440	455
China	88	146	220	357	400	400
Saudi Arabia	274	384	371	357	350	350

Grapefruit

Importing Country	1 000 metric tons					
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/Jan18	17/Jul18
EU	360	339	365	326	350	350
Russia	133	101	117	106	105	130
Japan	109	100	82	84	71	75
China	26	31	33	40	40	44

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Lemons

Importing Country	1 000 metric tons					
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/Jan18	17/Jul18
US	481	563	615	698	700	715
EU	380	399	561	520	500	520
Russia	209	207	186	213	225	230
Saudi Arabia	85	103	121	128	135	140

Grapefruit

Importing Country	1 000 metric tons					
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/Jan18	17/Jul18
Russia	852	782	724	842	790	850
EU	369	367	423	452	450	470
US	182	212	232	274	280	300
Canada	117	141	146	154	145	155

Place of Citrus in SA Exports to Russia

		USD million			
		2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Exports		565.3	522.2	628.2	783.0
Citrus		144.0	110.0	141.6	154.8
		25.5%	21%	22.5%	20%

Source: Russian Customs Statistical Data, February 2019

According to analyses of price index for citrus in Russian wholesale markets in weeks 23-25, expected return on sales to Russia (FOB) can be, average per carton:

Oranges, grapefruit	\$7.65
Lemons	\$10.65
Soft citrus	\$7.90