

## **Zimbabwe to enter into citrus export deal with China**

Zimbabwe and China are ready to strengthen their bilateral trade relations, and a citrus export deal is clearly in the making. The two nations signed the agreement in 2015 as Zimbabwe sought a market for Shashi Citrus smallholder farmers, but China requested post-risk assessment information for the export of fresh citrus fruits from Zimbabwe to China.

In a statement yesterday, Lands and Agriculture Minister Anxious Masuka said the export protocol would provide further export markets for local citrus products. “The trade protocol will cement trade relations between the two nations and will open the door for other products that we were not even exporting, hence will lead to an increase in agricultural contribution to the export basket. For example, Zimbabwe producers have expressed interest in exporting blueberries and avocado pears to China.”

Source: [newsday.co.zw](https://www.newsday.co.zw)

Publication date: Wed 19 Jan 2022