

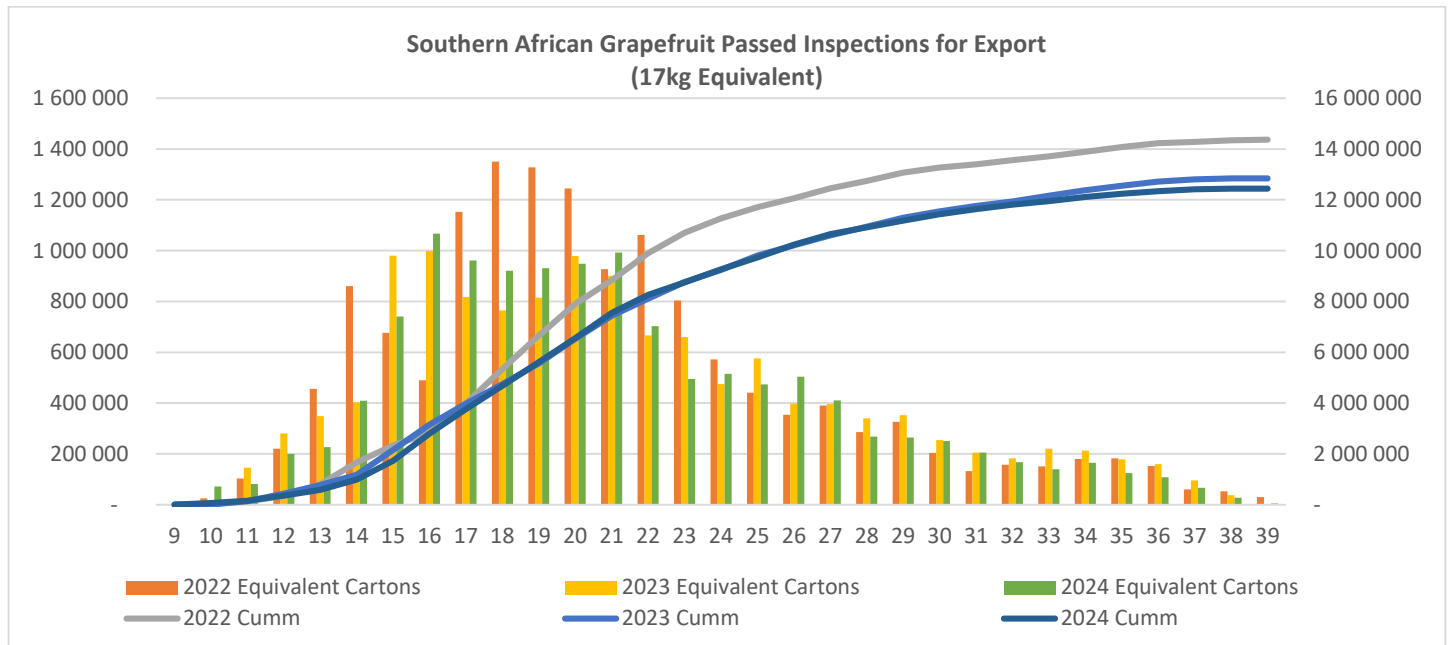
2024 GRAPEFRUIT SEASONAL REVIEW: A MOST UNUSUAL CITRUS SEASON

Grapefruit packing for export was estimated at 14.8 million cartons (17 kilogram equivalents), almost 14% up on last year’s 13.0 million cartons. This was due to the recovery from the dry condition experienced in the northern areas in previous years. The estimate (prepared in mid-March) also anticipated the crop will be similar to the 2022 season. The estimate volumes for 2024 include volumes available for processing (PP grade or Class 3).

The final volume packed came to 12.7 million cartons, almost 14% below the estimate. The reduction was due to a number of unforeseeable factors - such as small fruit size, colour development challenges and favourable local juice prices.

The biggest region (Letsitele) at 4 million cartons was 20% under the estimate; Hoedspruit at 3.3 m cartons was 12% under the estimate, while Onderberg at 1.6 m was 16% under the estimate.

Red grapefruit peaked at size 40, 45 and 50. White grapefruit peaked at size 45, 40 and 50. This season the peak weeks for packing was from week 16 to week 21, at an average packing rate of 970 000 cartons per week.



The EU remains the largest market for southern African grapefruit – importing some 83 000 tonnes. China's grapefruit imports from SA have increased from 34 000 tonnes in 2023 to 36 000 in 2024. This increase is mostly attributed to the higher percentage of PP grade fruit exported to China. Russia imports also increased from 20 000 tonnes to 22 000 tonnes, just ahead of Japan (19 000 tonnes in 2024). And lastly, the USA (10 000 tonnes) rounds up the top five markets.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT: KEYNOTE SPEAKER BRETT ARCHIBALD

Brett Archibald survived over 28 hours in the Indian Ocean after falling from a boat on a surfing trip to Bali. The theme of the CGA Citrus Summit (“Tough times don’t last, tough people do”) makes Brett's experience intensely relevant. He is one of the many insightful speakers at the 2025 CGA Citrus Summit, held in March in Gqeberha. Come and hear his story.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

End of Week 43	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
Million 15 Kg Cartons	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2024	2024	2023	2024
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2024	2024	2023	2024
Grapefruit	17.8 m	14.7 m	14.4 m	13.9 m	14.1 m	16.8 m	14.4 m	14.7 m	16.2 m
Mandarins	34.2 m	38 m	41.6 m	37.8 m	41.2 m	43 m	41.6 m	38.0 m	39.6 m
Lemons	37.6 m	35.6 m	34.7 m	35.5 m	34.5 m	37.9 m	34.7 m	35.6 m	39 m
Navels	30.1 m	24.8 m	25.1 m	24.6 m	24.7 m	25.7 m	25.1 m	24.8 m	22.3 m
Valencia	57 m	52 m	48.7 m	50.1 m	48.2 m	58.3 m	48.7 m	52.0 m	55.4 m
Total	176.6 m	165.1 m	164.5 m	161.9 m	162.7 m	181.7m	164.5 m	165.1 m	172.5 m