

Southern Hemisphere Citrus Trade / Sum up – 2020 season

An inflexion of the trends due to the pandemic

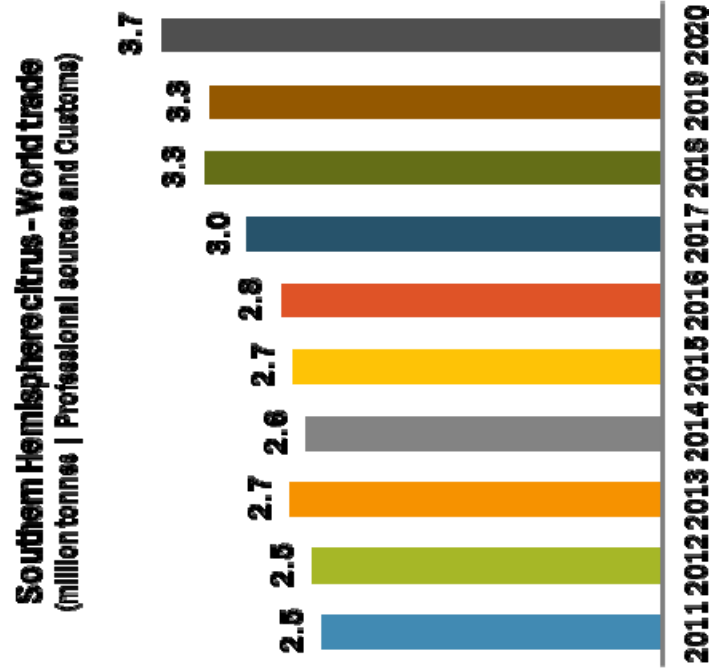


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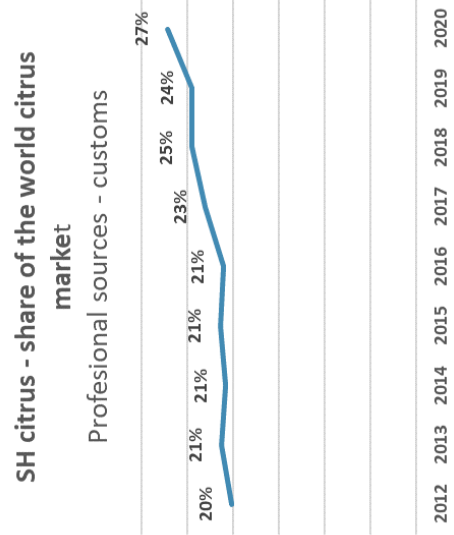
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SH citrus trade 2020: back to a nice growth

- A jump to 3.7 million t in 2020
 - +360 000 t compared to 2019!
 - Back to the “major growth” experienced between 2016 and 2018 (260/290 000 t/year) after the 2019 gap
- A growing share of the global citrus trade:
 - SH slowly gaining ground against NH citrus

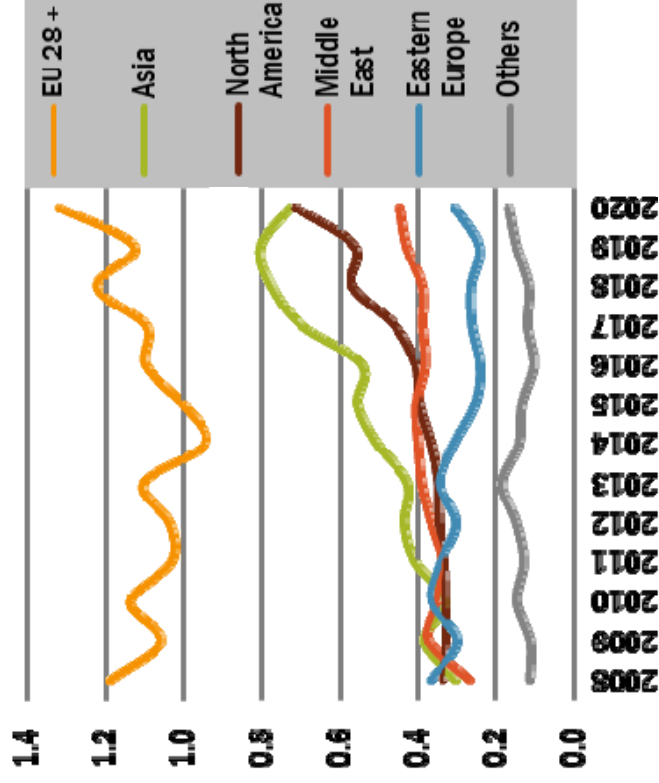


- * Perimeter of the study - Sources
- “big 4”: Orange/Soft Citrus/Lemon/Grapefruit
 - Leading exporters: SAR, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Swaziland, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand
 - Customs statistics: National Customs (EU28, USA, Japan), COMTRADE



An inflexion of the trends, mainly due to the pandemic

Southern Hemisphere citrus - Exports by destination
(million tonnes | Professional sources and Customs)



- A positive effect on the main part of the markets / growth higher than average

- EU27+UK / USA increasing faster than the years before
- Middle East / Eastern Europe / “others” from stability to a slight growth

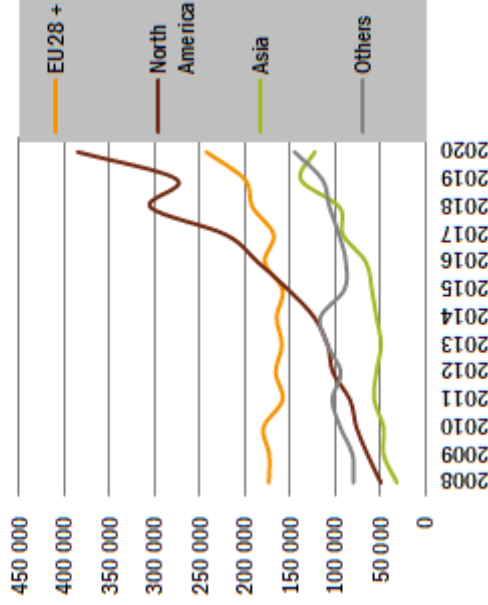
- However... Asia significantly down

- One of the **main growth drivers** these last years
Average +60 000 t/year
- A 80 000 t decrease in 2020
- Very possibly a momentary movement, due to the pandemic

And the winners are: soft citrus and lemon... as usual



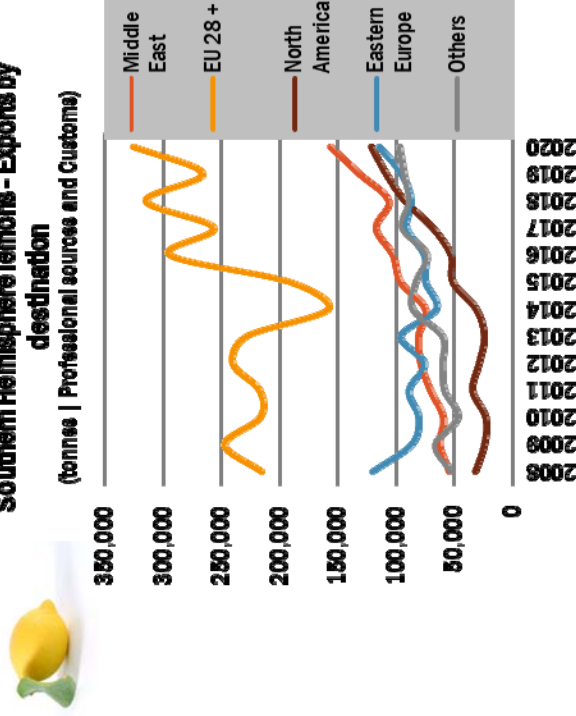
SH easy peelers - Exports by destination
(tonnes | Professional sources and Customs)



- **Soft Citrus: +169 000 t to 892 000 t**
2.4 times the average growth 2015-19

- **Growth drivers unchanged, apart Asia:**
 - North America: +108 000 t
 - EU27+UK: +44 000 t – accelerating
 - Others: Middle East confirming its take off (from 21 000 t in 2017 to 49 000 t in 2020)
 - Asia: from growing to slightly down

Southern Hemisphere lemons - Exports by destination
(tonnes | Professional sources and Customs)



- **Lemon: +120 000 t to 815 000 t**
2.4 times the average growth 2015-19

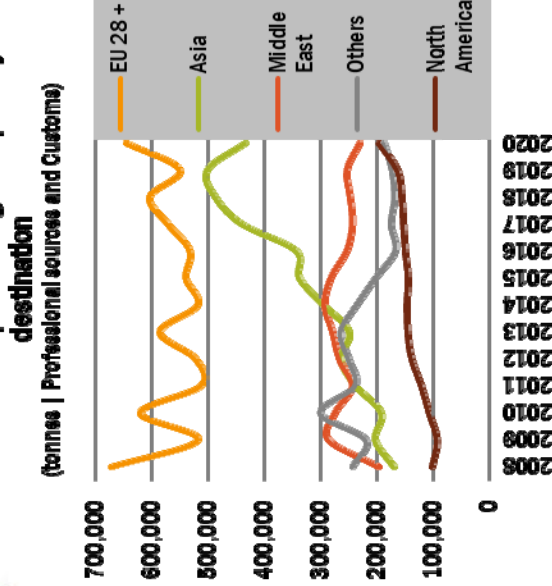
- **Growth drivers also unchanged:**
 - EU27+UK: +59 000 t
 - Middle East: +25 000 t
 - North America: +13 000 t
 - Eastern Europe: +19 000 t



Orange growing slower and grapefruit almost stagnating



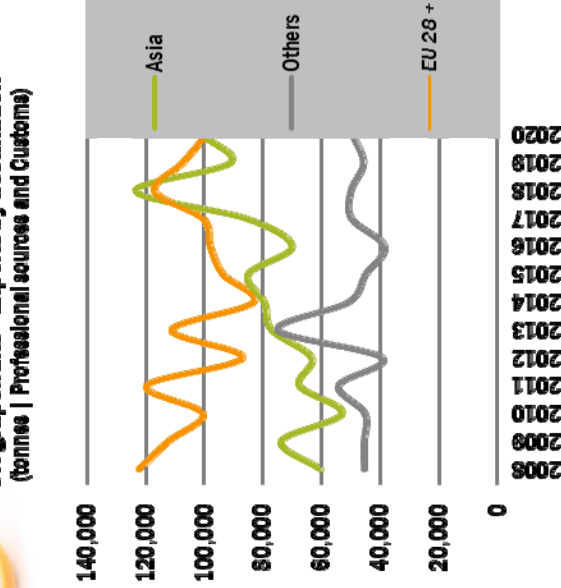
Southern Hemisphere oranges - Exports by destination



- **Orange: +53 000 t to 1 685 000 t**
1.7 times the average growth 2015-19
- **Asia – the main growth driver these last seasons – down**
-70 000 t in 2020 against +40 000 t/year in average these last years
- **The EU27+UK as the only big growth driver:**
 - EU27+UK: +95 000 t
 - A slight – and atypical – increase in the US: +30 000 t



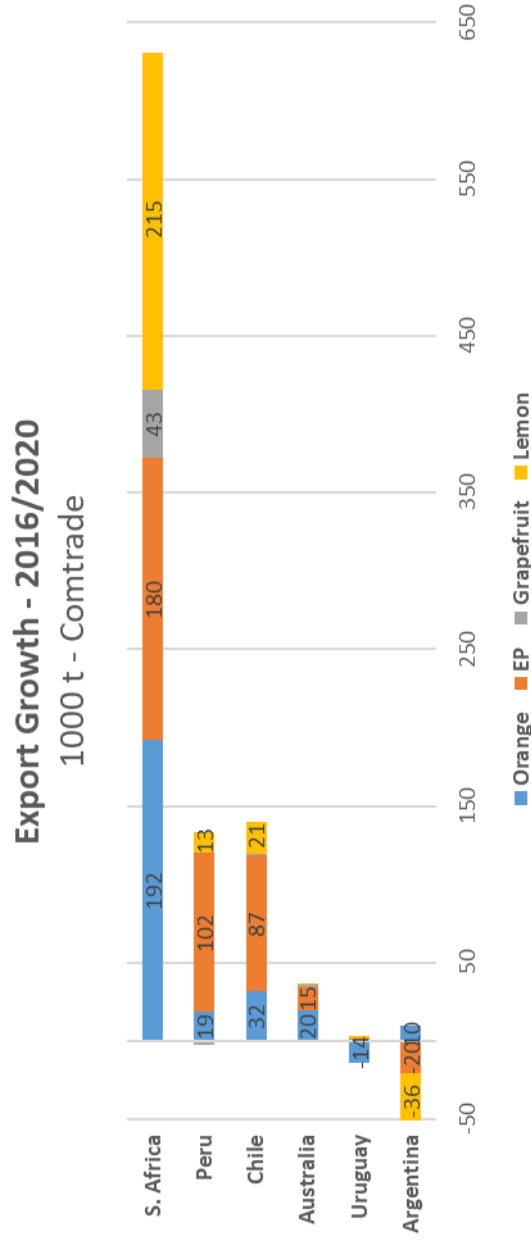
SH grapefruits - Exports by destination



- **Grapefruit: stagnating (+5 000 t to 250 000 t)**
- **No big moves of the two key markets:**
 - EU27+UK: slightly down (-8 000 t)
 - Asia: slightly up (+9 000 t)

And where is the growth on the supply side?

On a 4-year perspective (2016-2020): + 900 000 t



- SAR: 2-3% of the growth – all products
- Chile: 15% of the growth – mainly EP (orange)
- Peru: 14% of the growth – mainly EP
- Australia: 4% of the growth (orange/EP)

Southern Hemisphere Citrus Trade

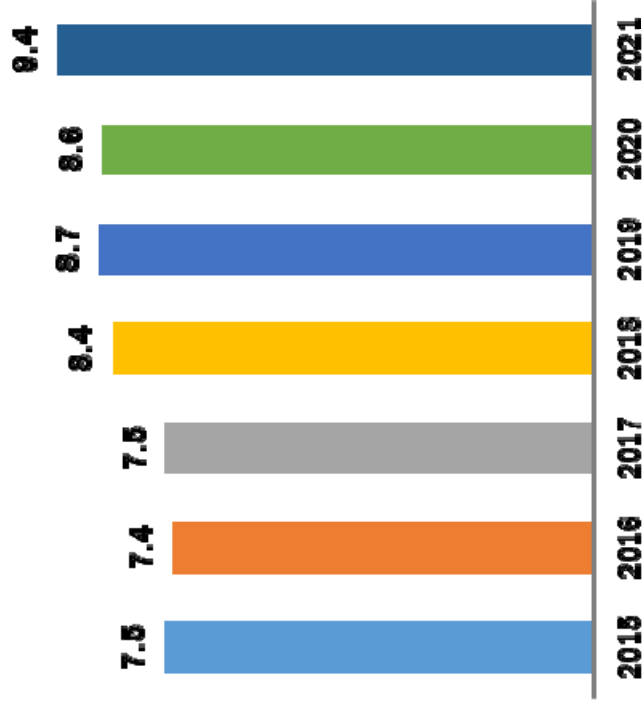
Key Drivers 2021



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SH Citrus Production: sharp increase and record breaking crop

Southern Hemisphere Citrus - Production*
(million tonnes | WCO)



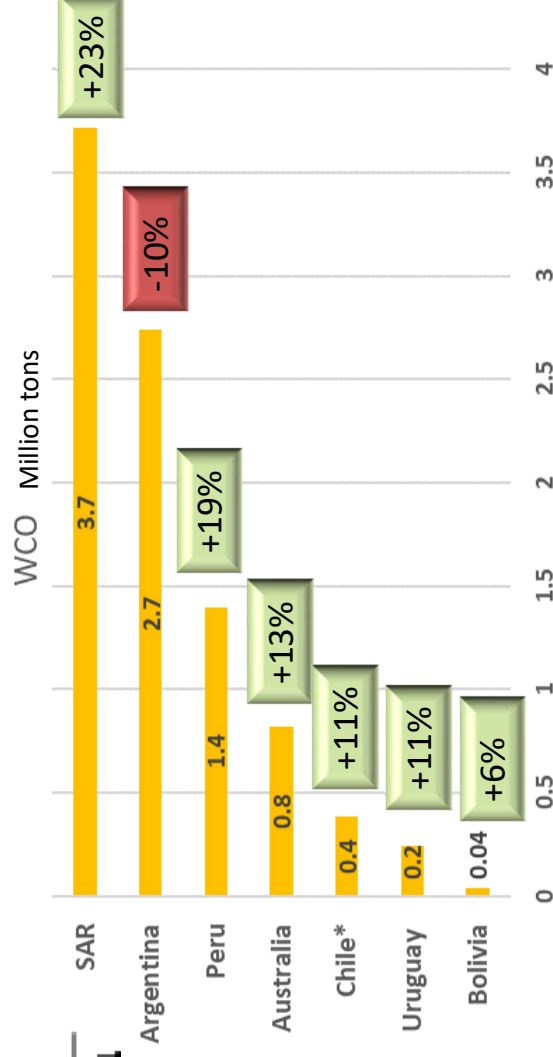
- **A record breaking 9.4 million tons crop**
+9% compared to the average 2019-20
+9% compared to 2020

- **A sharp increase of 800 000 t**

Within the highest increases experienced
Confirming an acceleration of the growth
almost +2 million tons since 2017

- **Almost all countries significantly up**

SH Citrus-21: production and growth /ave 19-20 (%)

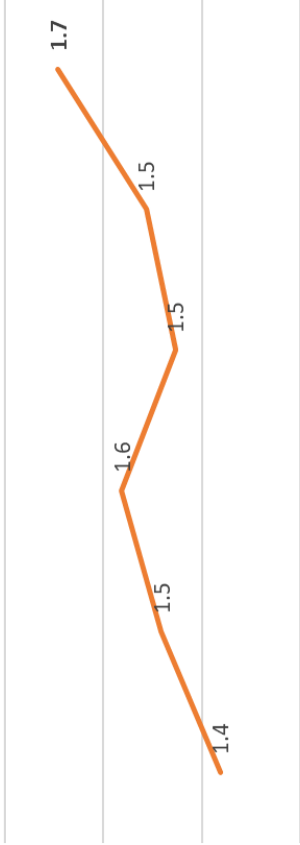


* Sources WCO

- "big 4": Oranges/Soft Citrus/Lemon/Grapefruit
- SAR, Peru, Chile (production = export), Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, Bolivia (lemon only)

2021 export program: following the structural trends

SH citrus - export and 2021 program
1 000 t - WCO



- Lemon / EP: a new sharp increase

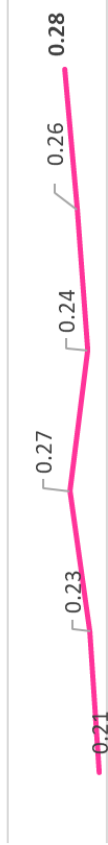
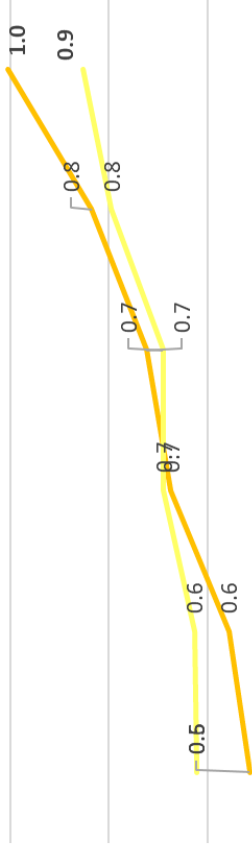
In relation with the sharp increase of the acreage

An acceleration, for EP due to an increasing production growth

- An atypical increase for oranges, after years of stability

In relation with market expectations - growing conditions / no significant move on the acreage side

- Grapefruit almost flat again



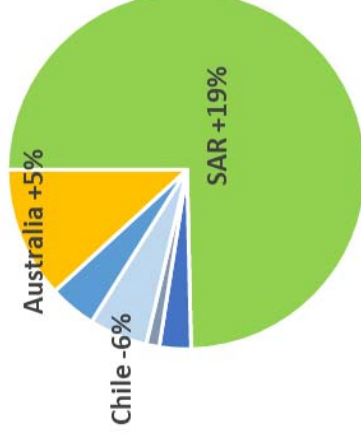
Pie: market share of the SH trade for each supplier
% in the pie: comparison of the 2021 export program to the average 2019-20
 Main suppliers (others below the legend)

SH export program 2021 in details

SH Orange export 2021

1.7 m t

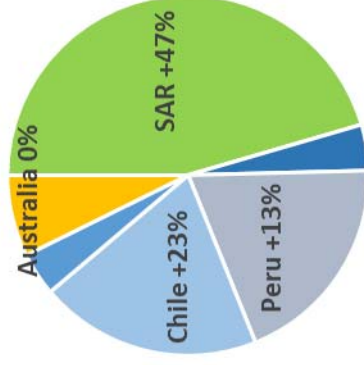
+14% / av. 19-20
(+12% / 20)



SH Soft citrus export 2021

1 m t

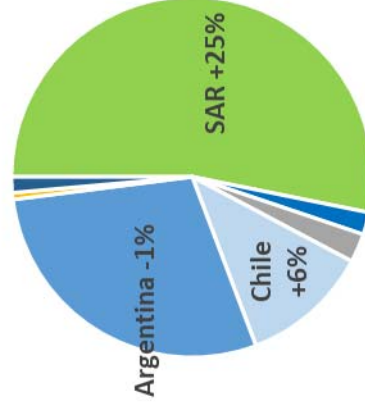
+29% / av. 19-20
(+20% / 20)



SH Lemon export 2021

853 000 t

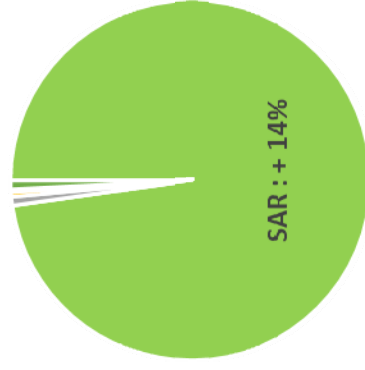
+15% / av. 19-20
(+7% / 20)



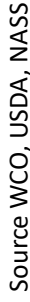
grapefruit export 2021

285 000 t

+14% / av. 19-20
(+10% / 20)



- Leading suppliers - 20/21 production compared to 19/20 and to the 4 Y average**



- **EP / Grapefruit** – early end of the winter season – **all markets open**
 - Price indication EU27 W18: 18-21 €/15-kg box (+20%/4-year average)
- **Orange** – Mediterranean crop below the average, especially for late varieties **BUT**
 - Demand quite low in some markets (EP competition)
 - Average crop in Egypt – some good volumes remaining to market, with an acceleration after the end of Ramadan – impact Europe/Asia/Middle East
 - CIRAD price indicator EU27 W18: V.L Spain: 0.95-1.00 €/kg (+5%/4-year average)
V.L. Egypt: 0.55/0.65 euros/kg (-3%/4-year average)
- **Lemon: a very competitive market context**
 - Mediterranean crop down, but large crop in Spain (75-80% of the EU27+UK supply): +11%/4-year aver.
 - Prices under heavy pressure
 - CIRAD price indicator EU27 W18: Spain: 0.88 €/kg (-25%/4-year average)

Market context

- Competing fruits/Europe – **a very short stone fruits crop** – effect of a late spring frost
 - Big competitors in the shelves, especially in France/Southern Europe
 - “Table” Peaches – Nectarines: official forecast not released
 - France: -30/50% compared to 2020?
 - Spain: -25/30% compared to 2020



- Apricots – one of the shortest crop on records



	2021	2020	2020/2021	2021/ave. 5yrs
France	47	84	-43%	-64%
Spain	87	102	-15%	-31%
Italy	154	163	-5%	-32%
Greece	55	78	-29%	-23%
Total	344	427	-20%	-40%

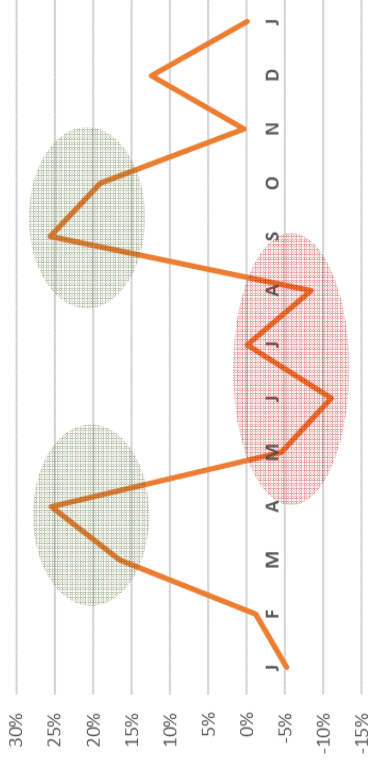
source: Européché

- Sea freight – **an issue regarding availability / prices**
 - High number of reefer units used to deliver pork meat to China (Afr. Swine fever)
 - Boom of the E-commerce worldwide due to the pandemic
 - Mobilization of reefer units to transport high value dry goods
 - Rush on reefer vessels – very tight market / little units available - prices up
 - Oil price up – but back to the level experienced in 2020 – little influence
 - May 21: 65 US\$: +15 US\$ compared to December but similar to May 2020

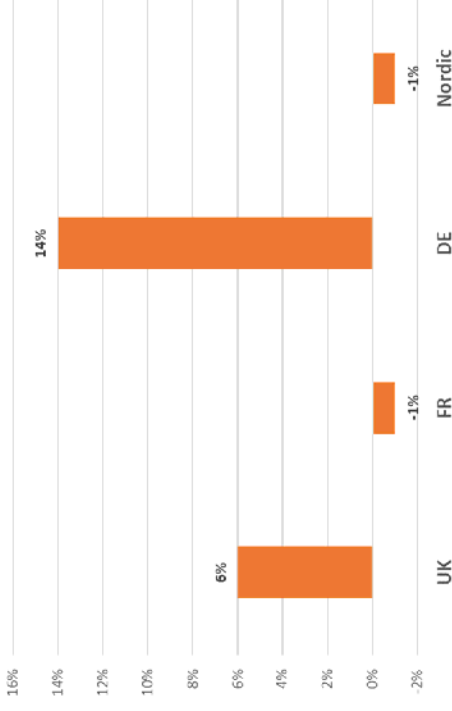
COVID / citrus demand – last news from Europe:

• COVID effect these last months – EU 27:

Total citrus consumption - FR + DE + Nordic countries
20 / average 18-19 - Eurostat



Citrus - consumption estimate oct->jan (or feb for FR)
20-21 / aver. 2 last seasons - Eurostat



Summer 2020 season

- A rise on the leading EU27 markets... but on the late season
- Consumption down from May to August (slight recovery in July)
- Mainly due to oranges (in a context of high prices)
- On the contrary, lemon significantly up on all markets (around +20%)

These last months... Winter season 2020/21

- A very different pattern by markets
 - Germany/UK still up
 - France/Nordic countries back to the average
- Orange down in France and in the Nordic countries (-7/9%), but still up in Germany and the UK (+5/7%)
- Lemon still up (from 5 to +20%), apart in the UK

US Citrus market appears to run also slower than in 2020

IRI Consumption panel - 4 W ending April 18 – 2021 - volumes

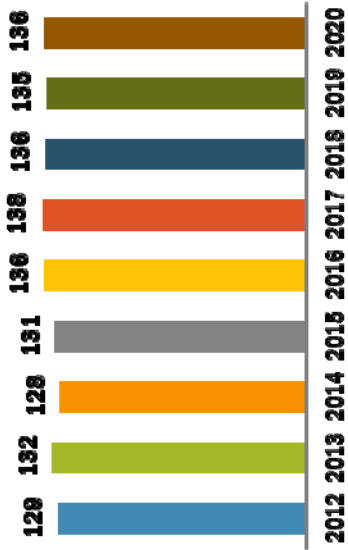
Orange: -33% // Tangerine -2% // Lemon/lime -10/11%



The SH orchard is still growing fast

- Orange and grapefruit still almost flat
- No slow down for EP and lemon – EP even increase further

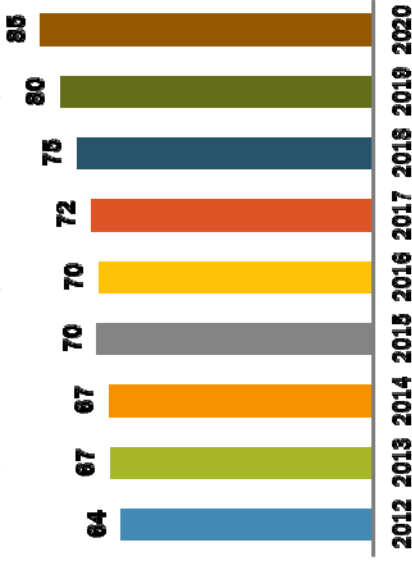
Southern Hemisphere oranges - Surfaces
(thousand hectares | Professional sources)



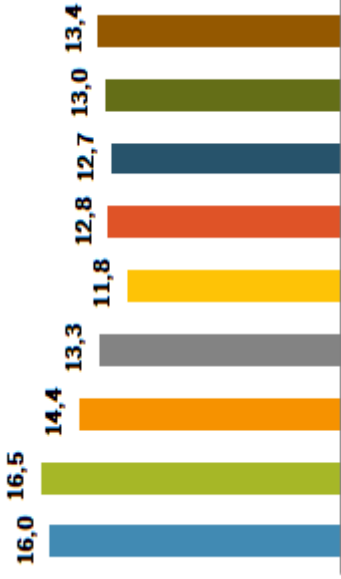
Southern Hemisphere lemons - Surfaces
(thousand hectares | Professional sources)



Southern Hemisphere easy peelers - Surfaces
(thousand hectares | Professional sources)



Southern Hemisphere grapefruits - Surfaces
(thousand hectares | Professional sources)



	W. Orchard 2020 - 1000 ha	Growth / Year (average last 5Y) %	1 000 ha	=>
Oranges	136.3	0.8%	1,107	=>
Soft Citrus	84.7	3%	2,866	=>
Lemon	85.8	5%	3,469	=
Grapefruit	13.4	0.1%	13	=>
Total	320.1	3%	7,098	=>

- World orchard (sources): SAR (CGA), Uruguay (MGAP), Peru (Procitrus-new data->2019 – orange included), Chile (ODEPA) - Argentina (Federicitrus->2017 / EEAOC-USDA-Prof. Sources 2018-2019-2020)

To sum up:

- A **record breaking export potential** for all citrus families apart grapefruit
 - Impact of the sea freight situation on the volumes exported... and on prices?
- **COVID impact:**
 - **The positive ones on demand do not have to be overestimated**
 - the “rush for citrus” appears to be over (or slower) in some markets (France/Nordic countries/USA)
 - last year positive effect mainly on the late summer market, apart for lemon
 - **The negative ones? Asia still down in 2021?**
- **Mixed picture regarding competing products**
 - **Short stone fruits crop** – positive impact especially in Southern Europe
 - **NH citrus competition low for grapefruit/EP, but higher than last year for orange and especially lemon in Europe**
- On the mid term: **further growth expected for lemon and EP in the coming years**
 - planting rythm remains very high, and continue to accelerate for EP

Need of a close monitoring for these two products – help of the members regarding acreage data needed!