

**Required Report:** Required - Public Distribution

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**Report Name:** Citrus Semi-annual

**Country:** Morocco

**Post:** Rabat

**Report Category:** Citrus

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**Report Highlights:**

Post has adjusted area planted, area harvested, and production numbers based on the final data received from Morocco's citrus producer federation. MY 2019/20 export numbers are revised based on available trade data.

### Crop Update:

Moroccan citrus production in marketing year (MY) 2019/20 fell due to unfavorable weather in southern Morocco. As reported in the Citrus Annual report, heat stress during the 2019/20 crop limited flowering, resulting in a 30 percent drop in year-on-year citrus production and exports. Despite production losses, export values remain stable due to firm export market prices.

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### **Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh**

*HS-080520, 080521, 080522, 080529*

Tangerines/Mandarins, Fresh	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
	Sep 2017		Sep 2018		Sep 2019	
Market Begin Year	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Morocco						
Area Planted	64,516	64,516	64,995	64,995	65,550	65,311
Area Harvested	57,321	57,321	58,673	58,673	58,850	58,772
Bearing Trees	19,850	19,850	19,900	19,900	19,950	19,950
Non-Bearing Trees	6,750	6,750	6,800	6,800	0	6,800
Total No. Of Trees	26,600	26,600	26,700	26,700	19,950	19,950
Production	1,185	1,185	1,375	1,375	910	926
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,185	1,185	1,375	1,375	910	926
Exports	539	539	617	599	360	385
Fresh Dom. Consumption	646	646	758	776	550	541
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	1,185	1,185	1,375	1,375	910	926

(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)

### **Oranges, Fresh**

*HS-080510*

Oranges, Fresh	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
	Oct 2017		Oct 2018		Oct 2018	
Market Begin Year	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Morocco						
Area Planted	57,255	57,255	58,437	58,437	58,850	58,679
Area Harvested	52,750	52,750	54,938	54,938	55,350	55,350
Bearing Trees	16,950	16,950	17,000	17,000	17,100	17,100
Non-Bearing Trees	1,590	1,590	1,595	1,595	0	1,602
Total No. Of Trees	18,540	18,540	18,595	18,595	17,100	18,702
Production	1,021	1,021	1,183	1,183	815	806
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	1,021	1,021	1,183	1,183	815	806
Exports	145	145	144	148	110	105
Fresh Dom. Consumption	826	826	979	975	670	666
For Processing	50	50	60	60	35	35
Total Distribution	1,021	1,021	1,183	1,183	815	806

(HECTARES) ,(1000 TREES) ,(1000 MT)

## Orange Juice (65° brix basis)

HS-200911, 200912, 200919

Orange Juice	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2017		Oct 2018		Oct 2019	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Deliv. To Processors	50,000	50,000	60,000	60,000	35,000	35,000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	3,500	3,500
Imports	2,148	2,148	2,379	2,379	3,500	2,100
Total Supply	7,148	7,148	8,379	8,379	7,000	5,600
Exports	4,282	4,282	4,283	4,283	3,600	2,900
Domestic Consumption	2,866	2,866	4,096	4,096	3,400	2,700
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	7,148	7,148	8,379	8,379	7,000	5,600
(MT)						

## Lemons/Limes, Fresh

HS-080550

Lemons/Limes, Fresh	2017/2018		2018/2019		2019/2020	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2017		Oct 2018		Oct 2019	
Morocco	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	3,910	3,910	3,969	3,969	3,970	3,983
Area Harvested	2,980	2,980	3,044	3,044	3,095	3,095
Bearing Trees	1,570	1,570	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,650
Non-Bearing Trees	385	385	0	0	0	0
Total No. Of Trees	1,955	1,955	1,600	1,600	1,650	1,650
Production	36	36	45	45	40	43
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	36	36	45	45	40	43
Exports	9	9	15	15	11	14
Fresh Dom. Consumption	27	27	30	30	29	29
For Processing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	36	36	45	45	40	43
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### Policy:

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak in Morocco, the Ministry of Agriculture has deployed new sanitation and social distancing measures in agricultural production units to ensure the maintenance of regular production and export operations. The measures include strengthening the staff hygiene systems in citrus packaging houses, disinfecting and cleaning the surfaces in warehouse facilities and means of transport, screening employees for symptoms before entering facilities, providing staff with protective equipment's (masks and gloves), and respecting safe distancing between personnel.

The Moroccan government continues to provide a set of incentive measures to support citrus growers and encourage new investment in citrus production. According to the Association of Citrus Conditioners in Morocco ([ASCAM](#)) citrus exporters in the Souss-Massa region will benefit from an export supports of 7.3 million USD.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments