

# Egyptian Citrus Export Report 2026

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## At a glance

- Egypt shipped **~2.10 million tonnes** of citrus in 2024/25, including **~1.66 million tonnes of oranges** — down 12.08% and 12.94% versus the record 2023/24 season.
- Egypt is the world's **#1 orange exporter by volume** and **#2 by value** (USD 1.01bn of oranges in 2024).
- Total citrus export **value rose to ~USD 1.13bn** despite lower volume — prices climbed 60–70% for most of the season, ~2x in March 2025.
- Top four orange destinations: **Russia 247,628 t, Saudi Arabia 246,421 t, Netherlands 201,426 t, UAE 114,448 t** (Saudi the only one to grow, +8.2%).
- Demand-driven dip: **orange processing rose ~50% to 600,000 t**.
- **2025/26**: production up ~500,000 t to **~4.0 MMT (+15%)**, exports ~1.9 MMT; WCO sees Egypt as the Mediterranean's largest citrus producer at 4.95 MMT.

## Executive summary

Egyptian citrus exports dipped in 2024/25 — about 2.10 million tonnes of citrus including 1.66 million tonnes of oranges — yet the market was strong: total export value rose as prices climbed sharply, the four core destinations held, and emerging markets in the Americas kept growing. The decline was demand-driven, as new domestic juice and concentrate plants diverted fruit to processing and production eased on weather. The 2025/26 season opens with production rebounding to around 4.0 million tonnes.

## Egypt in the global orange market

Egypt is the leading orange exporter by volume and second by value (behind Spain). Global fresh orange exports are forecast near 4.9 million tonnes in 2025/26, with Egypt and South Africa driving the growth.

Metric	Value	Source
Rank by export volume	#1 worldwide	USDA FAS
Rank by export value	#2 of 144	OEC (2024)
Orange export value	USD 1.01 billion	OEC (2024)
Share of global fresh orange shipments	~40–45% (estimates)	industry
Global fresh orange exports (2025/26 f)	~4.9 MMT (+2%)	USDA FAS

## 2024/25 season results

Metric	2023/24	2024/25	Change
Total citrus exports	2,391,145 t	2,102,316 t	-12.08%
Orange exports	1,908,212 t	1,661,211 t	-12.94%
Total citrus export value	USD 1.086 bn	USD 1.134 bn	+4.4%
Orange processing (domestic)	~400,000 t	~600,000 t	+50%
Countries served	~126	124+	—

The decline was demand-driven: new domestic juice/concentrate plants pulled fruit into processing (utilisation +50% to 600,000 t), production fell ~12% to 3.7 MMT on weather, and export prices rose 60–70% for most of the season (≈2x in March 2025). Red Sea disruption kept Asian shipments difficult and lifted Gulf ferry rates from USD 2,500 to 6,000/t.

### ***Top orange destinations, 2024/25***

Market	2024/25 (t)	2023/24 (t)	Change	2024 value
Russia	247,628	282,500	-14.08%	\$146M
Saudi Arabia	246,421	227,702	+8.22%	\$114M
Netherlands	201,426	230,404	-14.38%	\$79.3M
UAE	114,448	126,255	-10.31%	\$58.9M
Spain	—	—	—	\$51.3M

Volumes: official figures via FreshPlaza. Values: OEC (2024). The Saudi line rose ~8% (a source labelling it a decline is inconsistent with its own numbers).

### ***Emerging markets***

Market	2024/25 (t)	2023/24 (t)	Change
Canada	38,948	21,116	+45.78%
Brazil	growing	—	+137% (2023/24)
Argentina	growing	—	rising
Poland	growing	—	+117% (2023/24)

## Citrus beyond oranges

Type	Volume / share	Key varieties
Oranges	1,661,211 t (~79%)	Valencia, Washington Navel, Baladi
Mandarins / soft citrus	part of ~440,000 t balance	Clementine, Murcott, Nadorcott
Lemons & limes	~147,000 t (2023/24)	Adalia (Egyptian lemon), Eureka
Grapefruit	smaller volumes	Star Ruby

## Prices and value

Indicator	Value	Basis / source
Total citrus export value	USD 1.086 → 1.134 bn	2023/24 → 2024/25 · official
Orange export value	USD 1.01 bn	2024 · OEC
Citrus value per tonne	USD 497 → 474	2022/23 → 2023/24
Season price move	+60–70%; ~2x Mar 2025	2024/25 · FreshPlaza
Gulf ferry rate (Red Sea)	USD 2,500 → 6,000 / t	2024/25 · USDA FAS

## Production and supply base

Metric	2024/25	2025/26 (f)	Source
Orange production	3.7 MMT (–12%)	4.0 MMT (+15%)	USDA FAS
Orange acreage (planted)	~170,000 ha	170,000 ha	USDA FAS
Harvested area	152,000 ha	160,000 ha	USDA FAS
Oranges share of citrus area	~70–80%	—	USDA
Main regions	Nile Delta, Beheira, Sharqia, Ismailia, Nubaria		industry

## Season window and logistics

Item	Detail
Season window	Mid/late November to late July (cold storage); 2024/25 official start 1 December
Lead ports	Alexandria (~60%), Damietta (~25%), Port Said
40ft HC reefer	1,900–2,100 cartons · 26–27 t · 4–8°C · 15 kg cartons
Transit to Rotterdam	~7–9 days
Gulf ferry (Red Sea reroute)	USD 2,500 → 6,000 / tonne

## 2025/26 season outlook

Indicator	Forecast	Source
Egypt orange production	4.0 MMT (+15%)	USDA FAS
Egypt orange exports	~1.9 MMT	USDA FAS
Egypt total citrus (largest in Med.)	4.95 MMT (+13.85%)	WCO
NH oranges	-2.16% to 13.86 MMT	WCO
NH soft citrus	+5.91% to 8.51 MMT	WCO
Global fresh orange exports	+2% to ~4.9 MMT	USDA FAS

## PEI Trade campaign & desk data

PEI Trade's 2025/26 orange campaign — run through its **Nile Prime** brand — is the original layer in this report. Per trade-press reporting, PEI Trade recorded its highest shipment volume, container count and destination coverage of any campaign. FOB rows are indicative and **to be confirmed against desk records**.

Item	Detail	Source
2025/26 campaign (Nile Prime)	Record shipment volume, container count, destination coverage	FreshPlaza
Loading window	Week 50/2025 to Week 20/2026; peak Feb–Apr	PEI / FreshPlaza
Ports used	Alexandria, Damietta, Port Said	PEI / FreshPlaza
Sourcing & standards	GLOBALG.A.P. orchards (Nile Delta, Beheira); HACCP packing	PEI / FreshPlaza
Navel FOB (Dec–Feb)	[CONFIRM vs desk]	PEI Trade
Valencia FOB (Mar–Jul)	[CONFIRM vs desk]	PEI Trade

## Sources & methodology

Official Egyptian marketing-year figures (Sept–July) are the spine, cross-checked with USDA FAS (marketing year) and OEC / ITC Trademap (calendar year), with IndexBox for per-tonne pricing. USDA's pre-season export forecast (1.95 MMT) exceeds the official realised figure (1.66 MMT); we report the realised official figure and label forecasts as such.

- **Volumes, value, destinations:** official figures via FreshPlaza; OEC; ITC Trademap.
- **Production & forecasts:** USDA FAS Citrus Annual; USDA Citrus: World Markets & Trade; World Citrus Organisation.
- **Original layer:** PEI Trade / Nile Prime 2025/26 campaign data.

### Key references used in this edition:

- FreshPlaza — Egypt exported 1.66 million tonnes of oranges in 2024/25
- FreshPlaza — Egyptian orange exports rise to 1.9 million tons in 2025/26
- Citrus Industry — Egyptian orange crop to increase (2025/26)
- World Citrus Organisation — 2025/26 NH forecast

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