

Peruvian mandarin exports rose by around a third in both value and volume year-on-year during 2017, with a sharp increase in shipments to the Chinese market.

Figures from PromPeru show export volumes were registered at 119,065 metric tons (MT) - putting them 31% higher than 2016 and 56% higher than 2015.

Meanwhile, the total FOB value was US\$158 million - up 32% year-on-year and 68% higher than in 2016.

The rise is attributable to an increase in volumes of clementines, the Wilking variety and other hybrids, while satsumas and tangerines have been steadily declining over the years.

Shipments to the U.S. - Peru's leading mandarin market - rose in proportion with the volume increase to 46,000 metric tons (MT), while to the U.K. there was a more modest rise of 6% to 27,000MT.

There were also increases to Canada (+15%;13,000MT) and the Netherlands (+26%;12,000MT).

Notably, shipments to China rose almost six-fold to 6,500MT, having been stable at around 1,000MT for the two years previous.

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