



# Citrus export snapshot

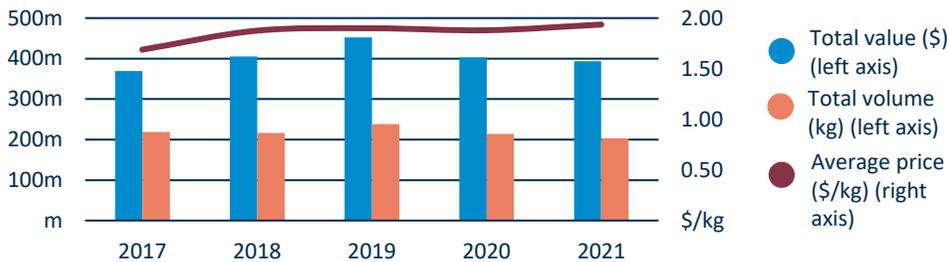
## November 2021

Citrus exports are likely to be slightly down in 2021, mainly due COVID-19 related labour shortages and supply chain disruptions. The outlook for the 2022 season is positive, particularly if favourable rainfall conditions are maintained.

### COVID-19 causes small reduction in citrus exports in 2021

- > With most of Australia’s citrus exports finalised for 2021, the total value of citrus exports in 2021 is likely to be slightly lower than the 2018-2020 average.
- > Labour shortages due to border closures, supply-chain disruptions (especially refrigerated container shortages) and reduced exports to China, prevented exports reaching the 2019 high.
- > These issues were partially offset by strong global demand, a return to favourable growing conditions and successful efforts by industry and government to diversify Australia’s export markets.
- > Australian citrus exports are predominately comprised of fresh navel oranges (52%) and mandarins (42.5%).

### Australian citrus exports, value, volume, and average free on board price, Jan-Sept 2017-2021



### Diversified export markets

- > Australia’s citrus exports markets are becoming more diversified. A larger proportion of Australian citrus was exported to Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam in 2021. Citrus exports to Korea in Jan-Sept 2021 were 68% higher than the Jan-Sept 2018-2020 average.
- > Exports to China have fallen since 2019. However, China remains Australia’s most valuable citrus market, accounting for 26% of citrus exports during Jan-Sept in 2021.

### Positive outlook for 2022 season

- > Labour availability: The re-opening of international borders and removal of internal movement controls will increase the supply of farm labour in 2022.
- > Shipping: Shipping disruptions are expected to ease. However, a return to pre-COVID availability and pricing may take several years.
- > Demand: Australian citrus remains popular, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. The COVID-19 recovery will support increased global consumption.
- > Seasonal conditions: La Niña conditions are expected to be maintained until at least early 2022. This is likely to produce favourable growing conditions.

### Australian citrus exports by country Jan-Sept 2017-2021

