



Citrus fruit

Citrus fruit in South Africa

Citrus fruit are categorised as oranges, limes, lemons, grapefruit and kumquat fruit. The citrus fruit list has various cultivars such as navels, valencias, clementines, mandarins and tangerines. These varieties differ in taste, harvesting time and colour.

Production areas

The main production areas in South Africa are Limpopo, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal.

Climatic requirements

Citrus fruit types require a warmer subtropical environment because they are sensitive to cold climates and can die off because of freezing temperatures. However, there are different types of citrus varieties that have sufficient cold hardiness to sustain freezing conditions, more especially in mature fruit.

Harvesting period

The table below indicates the availability of citrus fruit:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Sweet orange												
Sour orange												
Naartjie												
Kumquat												
Pummelo												
Tangerine												
Lime												
Lemon												

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