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Summer Citrus from South Africa kicks off harvest

[Summer Citrus from South Africa](#) kicked off its 2024 harvesting season with 25 years of experience shipping citrus to the United States. This remains an exciting time for the group as shipments of citrus fruit from South Africa have more than doubled since 2019.



Suhanra Conradie

“We are officially 25 years on the sunny side and commencing into our 26th season with a healthy crop of sweet and delicious citrus fruit headed to the port of Philadelphia in the coming days and more to come throughout the summer months,” said Suhanra Conradie, CEO of Summer Citrus from South Africa.

The first vessel, the *MSC Houston*, is carrying the fruit from Capetown, South Africa, and is expected to arrive in the U.S. at the port of Philadelphia the first week of June with weekly shipments continuing through the end of October. SCSA will kick off the shipping season with the ever-popular clementines followed by Navel oranges and Star Ruby grapefruit.

“It is important that we recognize the hard work and commitment of the service providers who have been part of our continued success story,” said Conradie. “We are serving one of the world’s most demanding markets, and adapting to the current state of the supply chain on any given day is a key factor of our business model. We have gained much momentum with our collaborative approach and intend to keep it going in 2024!”

Summer Citrus from South Africa is positioned well to sustain shipping options to cater to the overall growth of the program, splitting volumes equally between dedicated conventional vessels and container vessels in the port of Philadelphia. The team’s group of focused service providers, spanning the total supply chain, in the U.S. and South Africa, are all primed to deliver on a successful 26th shipping season.

“I intend to stay in contact throughout our summer with shipping, supply chain and production updates via [our trade newsletter](#), which is meant to be shared,” said Conradie. “Any stakeholder seeking to stay in close contact with our program is invited to subscribe.”

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