

Small-scale Citrus Farming among Selected Countries: Determinants for Exports and Production

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ABSTRACT The objective of the analyses in the paper is to determine a combination of factors that enhances production and export capacity among selected countries practising small-scale citrus farming. Data was sourced through internet search using the search engine of EBSCO discovery and Scopus. Data was analysed using the multiclass discriminant analysis and frequency tables. The results shows that among the 10 sampled countries, the following population size, the rate of citrus consumption in local markets, availability of arable land, processing capacity, proximity to European markets and the counter-seasonal effect with Europe are important factors. For South Africa, important factors are big farm sizes and high crop yield. The income derived from small farms such as those of China and India, is not enough to lift farmers out of poverty. It is recommended for governments to determine a viable size of a citrus farm, which will improve farmer's living conditions.