

Unit 4.1 Assignment: Visual Design Challenge

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## Global Orange Production Analysis (2017–2021)

This report presents a summary of the world production of oranges (including tangerines) in thousands of metric tons for eight key countries and regions from 2017 to 2021. The data, supplied by a government agency, is organized into a detailed table and visualized in a line chart to illustrate production trends and highlight key changes over the five-year period.

**Table 1: World Orange Production (Thousands of Metric Tons)**

Country/Region	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Brazil</b>	12,053	13,165	15,482	16,982	18,998
<b>United States</b>	8,562	7,453	9,321	6,349	4,500
<b>China</b>	8,391	4,555	7,397	8,921	7,507
<b>European Union</b>	4,563	4,871	4,989	5,551	6,603
<b>India</b>	8,776	9,091	8,898	9,769	10,806
<b>Mexico</b>	4,898	3,777	2,992	3,878	4,003
<b>Spain</b>	3,325	2,671	2,906	3,287	3,422
<b>Egypt</b>	1,784	2,117	2,453	2,643	2,900

**Figure 1: Global Orange Production Trends (2017–2021)**

The figure below, generated from the data in Table 1, visualizes the production volume for each country/region across the five-year period, allowing for a clear comparison of performance and trend analysis.

### **Analysis and Conclusion**

As detailed in Table 1, the period from 2017 to 2021 reveals two dramatically contrasting production trends among the world's major orange producers (Government Agency, 2022).

**Brazil** and **India** exhibited strong, sustained growth, with Brazil leading the world and increasing its production significantly from approximately 12 million to 19 million metric tons (Government Agency, 2022). Similarly, the **European Union** and **Egypt** showed steady, though less steep, increases. In stark contrast, the **United States** experienced a substantial decline in production over the period, dropping from the second-largest producer in 2017 to a distant fourth by 2021. This decline is a key indicator of shifting global agricultural dynamics, as noted by industry analysts (Agricultural Trends Review, 2023). **China**'s production was highly volatile, seeing a sharp dip in 2018 followed by recovery and a moderate drop in 2021, while **Mexico** and **Spain** maintained relatively stable, lower production levels (Government Agency, 2022). Overall, the data points to a growing concentration of global orange production in South America and parts of Asia/Africa, while North American output faced significant contraction (Agricultural Trends Review, 2023).

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