

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (38/10)

Justin Chadwick (1 October 2010)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"I believe in equality for everyone, except reporters and photographers"* Mahatma Gandhi

CORRECTION

In last week's newsletter it was incorrectly stated that there was an "increase" expected in Med basin citrus production – this should have read "Total citrus production in the Mediterranean basin is forecast to **decrease** by 2.2% (from 17.560 million tons in 2009/10 to 17.173 million tons in 2010/11)".

TURKEY GAINS ENTRY TO JAPAN FOR GRAPEFRUIT

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Japan MAFF) established import requirements to allow the importation of fresh fruits of grapefruit from the Republic of Turkey. The import requirements include: cold treatment under specific conditions; inspection and certification by the NPPO of Turkey; and on-site verification by Japan's plant quarantine officers to confirm proper implementation of the above mentioned measures.

RIVER BIOSCIENCE

RB has asked that growers be reminded that Helicover is available for the control of bollworm and growers are urged to try a small section of their farms to determine how well the product works in relation to existing chemistry. In a statement RB says:

"Growers should try it in conjunction with existing chemistry sprayed for thrip control and we are confident they will get good bollworm control. An important issue is to remember is that larvae will not die immediately but that their feeding is sufficiently reduced to give similar levels of control to that achieved by both Dursban and Methomyl. With renewed pressure on OP's and potentially other controls it will be good for growers to learn to use this product."

CITRUS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (CIS)

In an ongoing endeavor to ensure that the citrus industry is provided with disease free, true to type propagation material the CRI contracted three experts in this field to assess the scheme. Their report raises a number of areas where improvements can be made, but in general the CIS was found to be well run and of a good standard, as can be ascertained from the following extract from their report:

"The South African Citrus Improvement Scheme (CIS) meets, and may even exceed, world standards. It meets the objective of the CIS which is to increase the profitability of the Southern African Citrus Industry, by ensuring that growers are supplied with nursery trees of the highest possible quality made from the best genetic citrus material and being free from any harmful pathogens. It does this by supplying nurseries with the budwood and seed they require, without the need for mother trees and rapid nursery multiplication on nursery properties, as occurs with schemes in Spain and USA (Florida and California)."

DATES TO DIARISE

The season is coming to an end, and as always the finale involves some important meetings. On **Wednesday 20 October the Co Coordinating Meeting** will be convened by DAFF and is due to start at **09h00 at CRI in Nelspruit**. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDUSTRY AND DAFF TO IRON OUT THE PROBLEMS OF 2010 AND PLAN FOR A PROBLEM FREE 2011. Agenda on www.cga.co.za.

Then on **27 October starting 10h00 at Olive Grove, Infruitec in Stellenbosch we wrap up with the FINAL CITRUS MARKETING FORUM (CMF) Meeting**. Agenda on www.cga.co.za.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To Week 38 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Final Shipped
SOURCE: PPECB	2008	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009
Grapefruit	12.8 m	14 m	12.5 m	13.4 m	11.2 m	12.6 m	12.5 m	14.2 m	13.7 m
Soft Citrus	7.3 m	6.8 m	7.5 m	6 m	6.4 m	7.5 m	7.9 m	6.8 m	6 m
Lemons	9.4 m	8.4 m	9.5 m	7.4 m	7.5 m	9 m	9.6 m	8.7 m	7.7 m
Navels	21.5 m	19.4 m	22.9 m	19 m	22.4 m	21.4 m	22.9 m	19.4 m	19.1 m
Valencia	40.7 m	36.1 m	42.9 m	28.4 m	33 m	41.3 m	43 m	38.5 m	35.3 m
Total	91.7 m	84.7 m	95.3 m	74.2 m	80.5 m	91.8 m	95.9 m	87.6 m	81.8 m

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