

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (41/11)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK "A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.- John C. Maxwell

CITRUS GROWERS ELECTIONS

The Citrus Research International (CRI) boardroom is going to be a different place as two stalwarts resign following the next meeting. Jock Dankwerts and Mark Fry have decided to leave the CRI Board after many years of service to the industry. Jock was the first Chairman of CRI – elected in September 2001; a position that he has now held for ten years. The citrus industry is indebted to Jock for his wise guidance and leadership of citrus research over this time. Mark has served on the CRI Board since his election in 2003. Mark has juggled his many business interests, family commitments and industry contribution to ensure that well informed decisions are made in the CRI Board Room. Fortunately the other four grower representatives on the CRI Board are available for reelection – Hoppie Nel was also an inaugural Board member of CRI, and remains available to ensure continuity on the Board; Louis von Broembsen has served on the Board since 2005 (also available); Kobus de Kok (since 2007 and also available) while the most recent Board member Piet Smit (Letsitele) is also available. So growers will be looking for two new CRI Board members to represent grower interests – a call has been made to the CGA Board to put forward nominations to be considered at the CGA Board meeting on 24th November. Growers are urged to give this some attention – and assist their CGA Board member in identifying suitable candidates. At the November CGA Board meeting the inaugural Board for the CGA Cultivar Management Company will also be constituted. It is important that growers identify suitable candidates who can set strategic direction and mould this company so that it exceeds grower expectations. Once again growers are urged to confer with CGA Board members so that excellent leadership is identified.

At the November CGA Board meeting, being the first meeting following the AGM, the Board will elect from within its ranks a Chairman, Vice Chairman and three additional Executive Committee members.

CBS RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CBS RMS)

2011 saw the continuation of DAFF and the citrus industry's commitment to ensuring that CBS fruit does not find its way into CBS sensitive markets. The management system is based on identifying orchards with a higher likelihood of CBS occurrence and eliminating these from such export programmes. The system includes monitoring fruit from these orchards, monitoring of interceptions at points of inspection and deregistering orchards, fruit type or production units. All production units that have an interception are included on an Alert List – which is used to direct additional inspections along the supply chain.

Growers can check if they are on the list of interceptions on the member section of the CGA website (www.cga.co.za).

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To Week 41 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Final Shipped
SOURCE: PPECB	2009	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010
Grapefruit	14 m	12.5 m	16.2 m	12.2 m	16.2 m	14.7m	16.2 m	12.5m	12.2m
Soft Citrus	6.8 m	7.5 m	6.9 m	7.2 m	6.9 m	7.9m	7.3 m	7.5m	7.1m
Lemons	8.7 m	9.7 m	10.7m	8.3 m	10.2m	9.8m	10.6 m	9.6m	9.4m
Navels	19.4 m	22.9 m	20.7 m	66.3m	62.9 m	19.4m	20.7 m	22.9m	22.6m
Valencia	38.5m	46.8m	42.2m			42.9m	41.1 m	46.5m	45.9m
	87.4 m	99.4m	96.7m	94 m	96.2m	94.7m	95.9 m	99m	97.2m

* Please note 2011 shipped figures for oranges are for ALL oranges – PPECB unable to supply reliable shipped figures.

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