

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (49/11)

Justin Chadwick (16 December 2011)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"The greatest compliment that was ever paid me was when someone asked me what I thought, and attended to my answer"* Henry David Thoreau

GROWER ROADSHOWS

I am sure that most people are now in possession of a 2012 diary – citrus growers first entry should be the planned road show dates for the new year. Once again Paul and I will split the regions between us, and accompany CGA, CRI, Citrus Academy and CGA Cultivar Company staff to the different regions. The planned dates and times are as follows (please note that these may change, venues and more detail will be made available in the new year).

PAULS'S TEAM: KZN, SWAZILAND & MPUMALANGA					JUSTIN'S TEAM KZN
Date	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb	14-Feb
Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Tues
Region	Nkweleni	Pongola/ Swaziland	Onderberg	Nelspruit	S-KZN
Time	14H00	8H30 / 14H30	14H00	14H00	14H00

PAUL'S TEAM EASTERN CAPE			
Date	20-Feb	21-Feb	22-Feb
Day	Mon	Tue	Wed
Region	EC Midlands	SRV	Patensie
Time	14H00	14H00	14H00

JUSTIN'S TEAM SENWES, LIMPOPO & ZIMBABWE					
Date	20-Feb	21-Feb	22-Feb	23-Feb	24-Feb
Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Region	Senwes	Hoedspruit	Letsitele	Zimbabwe	Limpopo River
Time	14H00	14H00	14H00	16H00	8H30

JUSTIN'S TEAM WESTERN CAPE, NORTHERN CAPE & VAALSHARTS				
Date	27-Feb	28-Feb	29-Feb	01-Mar
Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Region	W Cape	Boland	Oranje Rivier	Vaalharts
Time	14H00	9H00	16H30	14H00

NEW LEVY PROPOSAL

One of the most important items on the agenda of the road shows will be proposals for the new CGA levy. The present levy will come to an end in December 2012. In order to ensure that the new levy is enacted in time a new levy application will need to be lodged with the Minister of Agriculture by April 2012. The CGA Board considered the first proposal in November and instructed staff to circulate a copy to growers for consideration by mid December 2012. This proposal has been circulated to growers this week (please let me know if you did not receive it). Growers are asked to give feedback on the proposal by Mid January. The Executive Committee of CGA will consider all feedback, and consolidate a proposal for the road show meetings. The circulated proposal gives two broad options – a "business as usual" option which incorporates present resources and services; and an enhanced research services option that allows for expansion in research output, cold chain activities and extension resources so as to fully realise the research capability of the CRI model.

It is essential that all growers have their say in the future funding, direction and activities of their organisation. [See quote above – we will attend to your answer].

Once the road shows are completed, input from these discussions will be incorporated into a final submission to be signed off by the CGA Board in late March 2012.

FALSE CODLING MOTH (FCM)

It is now mid December and growers should be heeding the calls to start FCM controls early. To guarantee that your fruit is acceptable in all markets make sure that you do everything possible to eliminate this pest in your orchards NOW!! Trying to control the problem at the start of next season is too late.

**GROWERS LEVIES ARE USED TO FUND CGA, CRI AND CITRUS ACADEMY ACTIVITIES.
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