

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (23/13)

Justin Chadwick (7 June 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends"* Martin Luther King Jr.

Congratulations to Mike Woodburn (CGA Director KZN Midlands) and Vijan Chetty (PPECB) on completing a gruelling Comrades Marathon. The 87 km race was particularly difficult in 2013 with hot winds and high temperatures causing 25% of the field to fail to finish before the 12 hour cut off. If others in the citrus family competed please let me know how it went.

CGA REPRESENTATIVE IN THE USA

For the past ten years Ron Campbell has assisted the South African citrus industry to address challenges and identify opportunities with regard to citrus exports to the United States of America. Based in Washington DC, Ron has played an invaluable role in building relationships with USDA APHIS and other US government officials on behalf of the CGA. South Africa continues to be a preferred supplier of summer citrus, with ever increasing volumes being consumed in the USA. Preferential access through the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), and a focus on market requirements has meant that South African exports to the US have grown. Ron has always been ready to address issues that have threatened to disrupt this trade, which has resulted in relatively trouble free flow of citrus from South Africa during his tenure.

Ron has decided to terminate his contract with the Citrus Growers' Association of Southern Africa (CGA). We wish him well as he takes on new challenges. From June 2013 the CGA will contract the services of Bruce McEvoy to assist where Ron left off. We look forward to a future of trouble free market access under Bruce's wise guidance.

ISSUANCE OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Please note that DAFF and PPECB have indicated they will be delaying the enforcement of the revised Export Certificate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Until further communication is circulated in this regard, operations under the "old" SOP for exporter certification can continue. All correspondence available on www.cga.co.za.

STATISTICS BOOKLET

John Edmonds completed and distributed a copy of the 2013 statistics booklet to all growers earlier this week – with a new appealing look and format the booklet is packed with important information for the southern African citrus industry.

CITRUS BLACK SPOT (CBS) BULLETIN

In order to highlight the South Africans' commitment to compliance with the EU's measures for CBS the CGA has developed bulletins detailing the risk management system (RMS). The first two bulletins were distributed this week. Anybody interested in receiving copies of these bulletins can mail justchad@iafrica.com. Bulletin 1 introduced the RMS, while Bulletin 2 covers registration. It is interesting to note that DAFF registered **23 062 orchards, 1 605 production units, 296 packhouses, 137 export agents and 74 cold stores/inland cooling facilities** for export to the EU in 2013. This is a time consuming exercise for both the industry and DAFF.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

With Satsumas all but finished, the soft citrus focus turns to clementines where 56% of the predicted 2.65 million cartons have now been packed and passed for export. Two thirds of the grapefruit crop has now been packed, and 50% of the predicted lemon volumes for 2013 are packed and passed for export. Navel packing tempo is starting to increase, while valencias are still to start in any significant volumes.

To Week 23 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013	2013	2013	2012
Grapefruit	8.5 m	8.2 m	10.6 m	6.7 m	6.9 m	15 m	15.2 m	13 m
Soft Citrus	4.1 m	4 m	3.7 m	3.4 m	3.1 m	8.2 m	8.1 m	7.6 m
Lemons	4.2 m	4 m	5.3 m	3.3 m	4.4 m	11.1 m	10.2 m	10.5 m
Navels	6.6 m	6.8 m	5.5 m	3.7 m	2.3 m	24.9 m	24.9 m	24.6 m
Valencia	0.5 m	0.4 m	0.2 m	0.2 m	0.1 m	47.7 m	47.7 m	47.2 m
	23.9 m	23.4 m	25.3 m	17.3 m	16.8 m	106.8 m	106.1 m	103 m

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