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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (26/15)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK "In science one tries to tell people, in such a way as to be understood by everyone, something that no one ever knew before. But in poetry it's the exact opposite" **Paul Dirac**

EUROPHYT – JUNE 2015

The europhyt website – the EU's official site for reporting on non-compliance on plant health in the EU – records the following CBS interceptions for CBS in June 2015 – South Africa-2 (both lemons); Uruguay-1 (mandarins); and Argentina-1 (mandarins). The SHAFTE data shows that to end June South Africa had exported 187 861 tons of citrus to Europe, Argentina 52 652 tons and Uruguay 12 298 tons.

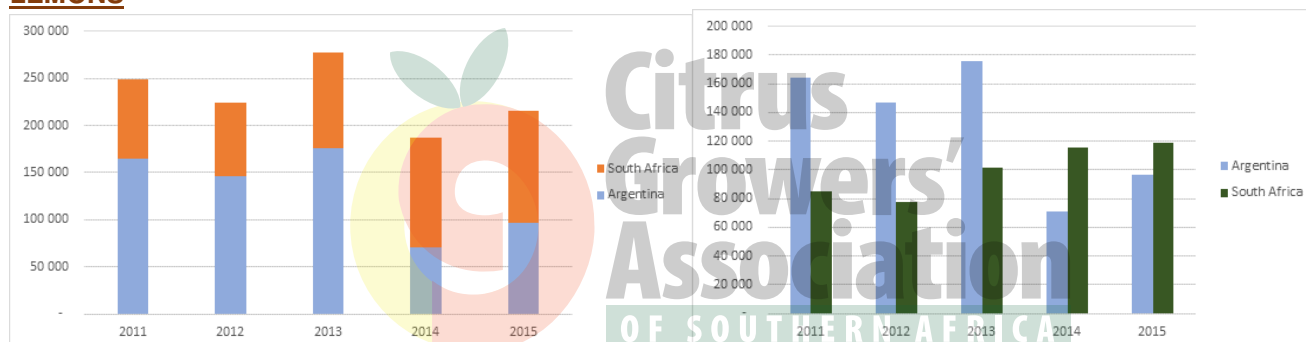
ETHEPHON TESTING

All the growers that have not requested DAFF to attend to their orchards for Ethephon test need to do so urgently.

The cut-off date for the Ethephon sampling by the DAFF shall be the 17 July 2015. Any Valencia orchards that have not been sampled for Ethephon by this date shall be automatically withdrawn from export to the EU.

Orchard inspection needs to be conducted two weeks before harvest.

LEMONS



Lemon export figures from the southern hemisphere give some clarity as to why lemon returns are so good in 2015. Up to end week 26 South African lemon exports were ahead of Argentina, as was the case in 2014 – total lemon exports are still appreciably less than 2011 and 2013 levels.

At last week's Lemon Focus Group meeting the South African predicted volume for 2015 was shifted slightly upwards, from 13.6 to 13.8 million cartons.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

The **Soft Citrus** Focus Group met this past week and decreased their estimate by a significant 400 000 cartons (4%). Satsuma's are finished and the actual 1.7 million cartons was 100 000 less than the estimated 1.8 million. Clementine's are all but finished (2.4 million cartons) – and the final prediction is 2.5 million; well off the originally estimated 3 million cartons. For other mandarins (2.3 million cartons packed to date) – the prediction is now 5.4 million cartons – 200 000 more than the original 5.2 million estimate.

Soft Citrus exports to EU increased from 58% (2014) to 64% (2015). This was mostly due to a reduced share to Asia (2014 13%; 2015 7%); while the Middle East also decreased from 10% to 7%.

With most **grapefruit** now both packed and shipped – the distribution is very similar to 2014; Northern Europe 30% (2014 31%); Japan 21% (2014 23%); Southern Europe 9% (same 2014); Asia 7% (2014 8%); Russia 7% (2014 8%) and UK 6% (2014 5%). The only big difference is China where volumes increased from 7% (2014) to 10% in 2015.

For **lemons** there has been a significant shift to the Middle East (2014 36%; 2015 44%). This has been as a result of decreased share to Asia (2014 21%; 2015 17%), Russia (2014 16%; 2015 14%) and EU (2014 21%; 2015 19%).

To end Week 27 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2013	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2015	2014
Grapefruit	15.9 m	13.7 m	13.9 m	12.0 m	12.4 m	15.3 m	14.6 m	15.6 m
Soft Citrus	5.7 m	7.1 m	6.5 m	6.3 m	6.0 m	10.0 m	9.6 m	10.0 m
Lemons	7.9 m	9.9 m	10.6 m	8.5 m	9.3 m	13.6 m	13.8 m	13.2 m
Navels	17.5 m	16.2 m	16.2 m	12.6 m	12.8 m	25.1 m	24.4 m	26.0 m
Valencia	7.2 m	7.0 m	6.8 m	3.4 m	2.9 m	49.1 m	49.1 m	50.9 m
Total	54.2 m	53.8 m	54.0 m	42.8 m	43.4 m	113.1 m	111.5 m	115.7 m

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS HAVE INVESTED IN THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUED FUNDING OF CGA, XSIT, CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, CGACC AND CITRUS ACADEMY