

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."
(Maya Angelou)

FLOOD DAMAGE UPDATE TO CITRUS CROP

Our initial assessments of Eastern Cape and Western Cape flooding last month indicate that recent severe weather will cause a decrease in expected export estimates from flood-damaged areas. Exact figures are difficult to quantify at this stage as some growers have not yet accessed orchards to closely assess damage and fruit drop may also be delayed. Generally, it is mainly orchards situated close to rivers that bore the brunt of the flooding, while the majority of orchards received rainfall without damage and are able to supply high-quality fruit. Growers in these areas have worked hard to recover from flood-related delays. The past few days saw more rain in the Eastern Cape. However, while export volumes are being revised downward, the integrity and reliability of supply to international markets remains intact.

Patensie has been significantly affected and saw orchards, farm structures, and road infrastructure damaged. The timing of the rain was particularly challenging, as the citrus season was just beginning to gain momentum. It should be noted that, in terms of overall timing and progression, the season is not running later than last year and is two to three weeks ahead in some regions. In the Western Cape the overall damage appears less severe, with key access routes remaining operational. Infrastructure improvement and river management works implemented by the provincial government over the past two years have saved lives and safeguarded a citrus export season for the Olifants River Valley.

As the CGA, we also welcomed the immediate declaration of a national state of disaster but also support the call by SATI for both provincial and national government authorities to provide increased disaster relief and recovery support. This came at an already difficult time for growers, who are navigating economic disruptions due to the war in the Middle East.

Our thoughts remain with farming communities across these regions; many of whom have over the past weeks been dealing with both immediate losses and the longer-term implications of infrastructure damage. Expectations at the beginning of the year were for a strong season but this has since turned out to be one requiring a high degree of adaptability from producers and exporters alike, but we are up for the challenge.

CITRUS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

The next Citrus Sustainability Forum will take place on the 19th of June 2026. The draft agenda includes updates on the EU-UK reset, the PPWR, and AGRAYA-related updates. To register for the event, please follow the [link](#).

CGA WHATSAPP COMMUNITIES

The CGA will be establishing a new WhatsApp Community as an informal yet official communication channel to complement existing email communication, not replace it. The community will initially include a single group, "From the Desk of the CEO," with the intention to expand into additional, purpose-specific groups over the coming weeks. Communication within the platform will be kept to a minimum, focused, and professional at all times. To ensure the integrity and privacy of information shared, only designated administrators will be able to post messages, maintaining a controlled and secure communication environment for all members. Stakeholders can join the community [here](#).

INTERESTING FACTS

Ever wondered what the statistics are on area planted by citrus type in South Africa?

32% Valencia and Midseason Oranges
27% Soft Citrus
17% Lemons
15% Navels
9% Grapefruit

CGA GROUP INFO CITRUS SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (CMF)

Date: 19 June 2026
Time: 09:00am
Venue: MS Teams
Link: [link](#) or contact pb@cga.co.za

PACKED AND SHIPPED VOLUMES

End of week 22 million 15 kg cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
SOURCE: PPECB / AGRIHUB	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026	2026	2026	2025	2026
Grapefruit	9.6 m	9.5 m	9.9 m	7.7 m	8.9 m	17.8 m	17.0 m	15.3 m	15.5 m
Lemons	17.3 m	18.9 m	26 m	15.4 m	23.7 m	45.9 m	45.8 m	41.6 m	43.4 m
Mandarins	11.4 m	12.7 m	16.9 m	7.5 m	10.8 m	52.7 m	51.8 m	53.5 m	50 m
Navels	5.8 m	5.3 m	6.5 m	1.9 m	2.8 m	30 m	29.2 m	31.6 m	32.3 m
Valencia	0.3 m	0.7 m	0.3 m	0.2 m	-	63 m	62.9 m	62 m	67.8 m
Total	44.4 m	47.1 m	59.6 m	32.7 m	46.2 m	209.4 m	206.7 m	204 m	209 m