

*"I was taught the way of progress was neither swift nor easy."
(Marie Curie)*

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

LAUNCH OF ANNUAL CITRUS DAY

We this week celebrated Women's Day and I want to take this opportunity to also recognise and celebrate all the women in our industry. In my travels to most of the growing areas, I have always noticed the presence of women amid the men found in the citrus industry.

It is also the week that we launched Citrus Day, an event we hope to use to champion and provide exposure to the role our industry plays in rural development and ensuring viable livelihoods in these communities. The Citrus Day event was, as fate would have it, ably led by a number of the women in the CGA, who, on the Women's Day holiday, put in great effort to ensure that the event was of the high standard befitting of our industry. To all of you, we say thank you!

We also appreciate the presence at the event of all stakeholders including government, members of the diplomatic corps, and industry partners. As our industry grows, and with the changes in trade rules and other evolving patterns, we rely on the support of friends and partners to ensure that our citrus reaches destinations timeously and thereby returning a profit for our growers. To all our friends: your presence and support cement the proverb "if you want to go fast go alone, and if you want to go far go together". We are looking ahead to a destination far ahead of us, and it is with your support that we believe we will get there.

During what is planned to become an annual event, stakeholders gathered at the Bydidam Resort in Citrusdal, under the theme "The Power of Our Story". Citrus Day opened with a warm welcome from our Chairperson, Gerrit van der Merwe, who reminded us why gatherings like this matter: our story is best told when it's told together. We were honoured to hear from the Western Cape Minister of Agriculture, Dr Ivan Meyer. It was his original vision to see a Citrus Day celebrated and his keynote address underscored just how vital citrus is to the province's economy.

What made the day special in another way was getting out of the venue and into the orchards. Our shuttle convoy took delegates on field visits through working orchards and packhouses. It also gave everyone a first-hand look at some of the community development initiatives making a real difference on the ground, including childcare and sporting facilities. Furthermore, our guests were shown the truly impressive work being done through X-SIT's integrated pest management programme. Seeing innovation and community upliftment happening side by side, in real time, is exactly the kind of story we want the world to hear.

We closed the day the way any good citrus gathering should: with a networking lunch inspired by the fruit itself, and plenty of good conversation. It was remarkable to look out on the mountains enclosing Citrusdal and think with pride (as I have thought in the many other scenic citrus-growing regions in South Africa) that millions of people across the globe enjoy the high-quality fruit grown with such care and passion in our communities.

INTERESTING FACTS

The variety of citrus called 'Finger Limes' is gaining in popularity. They are small cylindrical fruits known as "citrus caviar" because their inside vesicles look like tiny juicy pearls. They have a strikingly fresh taste, beautifully subtle colours and command gourmet prices.

CGA GROUP INFO

CITRUS MARKETING FORUM (CMF)

Date: 28 August 2026

Time: 10:00am

Venue: MS Teams

Link: Please contact portia@cga.co.za to receive the link

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PACKED AND SHIPPED VOLUMES

End of week 32 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	13.7 m	14.4 m	14.5 m	13.7 m	13.6 m	17.8 m	16.1 m	15.3 m	15.5 m
Lemons	32.4 m	37.7 m	48.3 m	35.7 m	45.1 m	45.9 m	51.3 m	41.6 m	43.4 m
Mandarins	33.9 m	39.5 m	39.4 m	33.5 m	33.3 m	52.7 m	49.3 m	53.5 m	50 m
Navels	21.2 m	27 m	20.8 m	23.7 m	18.7 m	30 m	25.3 m	31.6 m	32.3 m
Valencia	22.7 m	30.4 m	25.9 m	22.7 m	17.6 m	63 m	61.9 m	62 m	67.8 m
Total	123.9 m	149 m	148.9 m	129.3 m	128.3 m	209.4 m	203.9 m	204 m	209 m

*Grapefruit Packed Distribution: Class 1 & 2 volumes remained relatively stable at 11.7 m cartons (2026) vs 12.7 m (2025) and 12.3 m (2024), while PP volumes increased to 2.8 m cartons from 1.7 m (2025) and 1.4 m (2024).

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