

Grower Levies Working for You In July 2013



During July I worked on conceptualising and putting together the CGA Annual Report, proof-reading the articles, finding suitable photographs and getting it through for type-setting and printing within the necessary deadline.

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We dissected and inspected thousands of fruit for FCM infestation, from orchard level, through the packhouse and into the cartons, to evaluate and improve the efficacy of each process to remove infested fruit.

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During the month of July I did Citrus Tristeza Virus (CTV) genotyping by conventional PCR and attended the IOCV conference in the Kruger National Park where many national and international papers were presented on CTV and graft transmissible diseases.

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I have spent the last month coordinating a data collection project, aimed at gathering information on emergent citrus growers around the country. We piloted the project by collecting data on 19 citrus projects in KwaZulu-Natal. The project will roll out in the Eastern Cape and the Limpopo province during September and October 2013.

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During the month of July I undertook a road trip from Durban through to Maputo and Limpopo. The purpose of the exercise was to engage with CGA Directors and growers regarding rail utilization for transporting of reefer containers and how to align Maputo for citrus exports. I also did some research on how reefer containers are being packed at Marble Hall and road transported directly to stacks in Durban.

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