

Grower Levies Working for You In February 2014



In February, I concentrated on collecting the statutory CGA levies that are due on citrus exports. I also worked on developing a standardised Risk Reporting document for companies in the CGA group, as well as updating the CGA and CRT directors and trustees details with CIPC and the Masters Office.

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I prepared my presentation for the CRI-Postharvest Workshops and attended all five. Put carton accreditation back on track and wrote a Cutting Edge (173) article: "Accreditation of carton manufacturers and testing of cartons" with information on the availability of paper. I also completed the 2014 Packaging Material Specifications and Palletisation Protocols document.

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I was appointed in January 2014 as the Programme Coordinator for Soilborne Diseases. During February 2014 I compiled two new research proposals that will fall under the Soilborne disease management programme. I also gathered data from a field trial and literature on methyl bromide and alternatives to methyl bromide.

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I have been preparing contracts and budgets for our 69 bursary students as well as planning the Industry Exposure Programme for 2014. I have also been preparing for upcoming career fairs in Stellenbosch, Pretoria and Pietermaritzburg where we will market the Citrus Academy to prospective students.

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In the past few months I have been busy conducting field trials on nematodes (EPNs) for the control of FCM in orchard floors. My goal is to find out what effect (non-target effects) our EPNs have on other soil dwelling insects (especially beneficial ones).

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