

Valencia Focus Group

Minutes of the Valencia Focus Group Meeting held at 14:00 on 16 July 2014

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Deon Joubert welcomed all to the meeting.

Present

Deon Joubert	Sunday's River Valley
Peter Nicholson	Limpopo River
Andrew Muller	Nelspruit
Andre Barnard	Pongola
Fanie Meyer	Hoedspruit
Paul Bristow	Zimbabwe
Stiaan Engelbrecht	Western Cape
Tertius Meyer	Patensie
George Brown	Swaziland
Bester Snyman	Nkwalini
Andre Spangenberg	Oranje Rivier
Graham Barry	(observer – on behalf of CGA)
John Edmonds	(Secretariat) CGA

Observers from Navel Focus Group:

Gabrie van Eeden (Chairman)	Western Cape
Graham Piner	Nelspruit
Barry Mildenhall	Eastern Cape Midlands
Hendrik Schoeman	Senwes

2. Apologies

Cornel vd Merwe	Onderberg
Barend Vorster	Letsitele
Marisa van den Heever	Senwes
Samson Qomondi	Citrus Development Chamber

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 June 2014.

The minutes were approved; proposed by Peter Nicholson.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Deon Joubert noted that the Mancozeb issues seem to be sorted out and the program is well on its way.

5. Estimates for 2014

Appendix 1 below reflects the regional estimates for the 2014 season and latest projection. There was still no change made to the original estimate.

Fanie Meyer (Hoedspruit) said that they had finished packing their Turkey Valencias and were now busy with Midknights. Sizes are peaking on 72s i.e. one size down.

Bester Snyman (Nkwalini) noted that some of their export fruit may be diverted to local market but left the estimate unchanged.

Swaziland experienced strikes but are packing again; estimate unchanged.

6. Markets

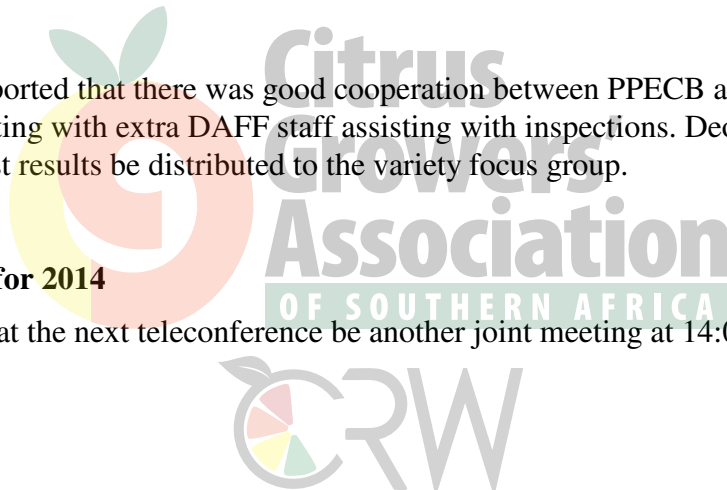
Deon Joubert noted that with so little of the crop exported thus far it is difficult to see trends, although there did seem to be a definite swing from Europe to the Far Eastern markets. He cautioned that although the Far East consisted of many countries they are very discerning in terms of quality.

7. General

Fanie Meyer reported that there was good cooperation between PPECB and DAFF with regard to Ethaphon testing with extra DAFF staff assisting with inspections. Deon Joubert asked that the ethaphon test results be distributed to the variety focus group.

8. Meeting dates for 2014

It was agreed that the next teleconference be another joint meeting at 14:00 on 13 August.



Appendix1: Valencia Regional Projections

			Projection 2
CGA Region	2013	2014 Est.	16-Jul
Letsitele	11 990 829	12 500 000	12 500 000
S.R. Valley	6 741 938	6 500 000	6 500 000
Hoedspruit	4 750 967	4 900 000	4 900 000
W. Cape	4 495 376	4 500 000	4 500 000
Limpopo River	5 039 968	5 000 000	5 000 000
Senwes	7 576 956	5 750 000	5 750 000
Patensie	1 985 891	2 020 000	2 020 000
Nelspruit	2 952 239	2 905 000	2 905 000
Onderberg	2 036 196	1 850 000	1 850 000
Boland	246 290	250 000	250 000
Oranje Rivier	175 200	166 000	166 000
Nkwalini	147 974	342 000	265 000
S-KZN	230 147	150 000	150 000
Pongola	77 410	79 000	79 000
E. Cape Midlands	49 518	50 000	50 000
VaalHarts	60 007	50 000	50 000
other	4 782	0	
SA Total	48 561 688	47 012 000	46 935 000
Zimbabwe	2 200 000	2 000 000	2 000 000
Swaziland*	646 000	518 000	518 000
Grand Total	51 407 688	49 530 000	49 453 000

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