

VALENCIA FOCUS GROUP

MINUTES OF THE VALENCIA FOCUS GROUP TELECONFERENCE HELD AT 11:00 ON 21 JUNE 2016

1. Welcome

Following immediately on from the Navel Focus Group discussions, the Valencia Focus Group chairman, Deon Joubert welcomed members. This being the first meeting of the Valencia season and with items of mutual interest having been covered in the preceding Navel Focus Group discussions the chairman proposed that updating the 2016 projection be handled first.

Present:

Deon Joubert
Peter Nicholson
Gerria Duberly
George Brown
Paul Bristow
Tertius Meyer
Graham Barry
John Edmonds

Sunday's River Valley (chairman)
Limpopo River (vice chairman)
Letsitele (standing in for Barend Vorster)
Swaziland
Zimbabwe
Patensie
(observer – on behalf of CGA)
secretariat – CGA

Also in Attendance from the Navel Focus Group:

Gabrie van Eeden
Hannes de Waal
Hendrik Schoeman
Barry Mildenhall
Phillip Dempsey
Graham Piner

Western Cape
Sunday's River Valley
Senwes
Eastern Cape Midlands
Patensie
Nelspruit

2. Apologies:

Andre Spangenberg
Cornel van der Merwe
Marisa van den Heever
Michael Wafer
Stiaan Engelbrecht

Oranje Rivier
Onderberg
Senwes
Nkwalini
Western Cape (represented by Gabriele van Eeden)

3. Projections for 2016 (Please refer to the appendix1 below for the latest projections.)

Overall the projection is effectively unchanged from the March estimate of 46.51 million with only Zimbabwe reducing their projection by 35 000 cartons.

Letsitele: Gerria Duberly reported that that some growers had started packing. Most will start in the next two weeks. She noted that, as experienced with grapefruit this season the Turkeys, Midknights and Delta fruit sizes were a bit bigger than initially expected.

Sunday's River Valley: Deon Joubert noted that fruit size is a problem in their region this year.

Limpopo River: Peter Nicholson kept to his original estimate and remarked that fruit size was bigger.

Nelspruit: Graham Piner noted water availability as a potential problem.

Zimbabwe: Paul Bristow noted poor colour as a problem and reduced his projection to 2.1 million cartons.

Swaziland: George Brown said they will start next week. Sizes are normal, maybe a bit bigger.

4. Markets

There was nothing to report on the markets yet.

5. Next Meeting.

The next teleconference will be held jointly with the Navel Focus Group on 20 July at 11:00.



Appendix1:

Projection of Valencia types volume to be packed for Export in 2016 (15kg equivalent cartons.)

Year	Letsitele	S.R. Valley	Senwes	Limpopo River	Hoedspruit	W. Cape	Nelspruit	Patensie	Onderberg	Boland	S-KZN	Nkwadini	Oranje Rivier	Pongola	E. Cape Midlands	VaalHarts	Other	South Africa	Zimbabwe	Swaziland	Grand Total
2014	12 462 446	7 108 287	5 396 169	5 189 515	4 767 011	5 197 684	3 048 768	2 459 034	1 412 567	243 613	136 355	144 357	194 535	64 831	90 676	17 279	13 919	47 947 046	2 400 000	518 000	50 865 046
2015	13 641 142	7 487 812	5 365 658	5 211 805	5 102 996	4 982 559	3 062 525	2 519 380	1 444 549	236 071	208 274	161 888	269 554	52 329	61 808	69 538	3 926	49 881 814	2 400 000	425 360	52 707 174
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