



GROWER INDABA



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The current market access challenges of the Southern African citrus industry look very different to about 20 years ago. By Justin Chadwick



In 2000, it was confirmed that market access was the key priority that united all growers in Southern Africa, and that the means to ensure new market access, retention and optimisation of markets was research. Growers then established the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA) and invested in the resources required for research.

Fast forward to 2022 and the Southern African citrus industry is facing different market access challenges, like transporting fruit from packhouses to and through the ports and onto vessels; equipment availability and shipping opportunities; and the skyrocketing freight costs. On 9 May this year CGA members were invited to attend a grower indaba in Pretoria. Also in attendance were Fruit South Africa, AGBIZ, Resolve Communications, the CGA Group (CRI, RBX, CGA CC, CGA GDC), CGA staff, the

Competition Commission and the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP).

The BFAP presented a sobering citrus farm level analysis that illustrates the difficult economic conditions over the study period (to 2030). All growers were then invited to online meetings that took place at the end of May and early June, where BFAP presented region-specific feedback, looking at different scenarios.

During the indaba, growers identified various threats to the industry and discussed as a collective a number of relevant solutions. These solutions are now in the process of being researched and will then be implemented. One of the main reasons for the dire economic realities faced by Southern African citrus exporters is the skyrocketing freight rates. Exporting at these rates is unsustainable.

The CGA thanks everyone who is involved in finding strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of a Southern African citrus industry in distress. 🍊

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