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The Citrus Academy is launching Citrus Packalympics[©] this year – an exciting initiative that aims to acknowledge and showcase the essential skills of packhouse workers in the citrus industry of SA. By Sive Silo



The Citrus Packalympics[©] competition aims to showcase the essential skills of packhouse workers in the citrus industry of SA, a reminder that their skills can improve through dedication and perseverance.

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The Packalympics[©] competition will consist of two rounds, namely regionals, which will be held in September and October, and nationals in November. There will be numerous events that workers can take part in, both individually and in teams, including packing, sorting, palletising and forklift-driving.

Packhouses are encouraged to enter their workers into the competition, and to keep an eye on the Citrus Academy website (citrusacademy.org.za) and social media platforms for more information and updates.

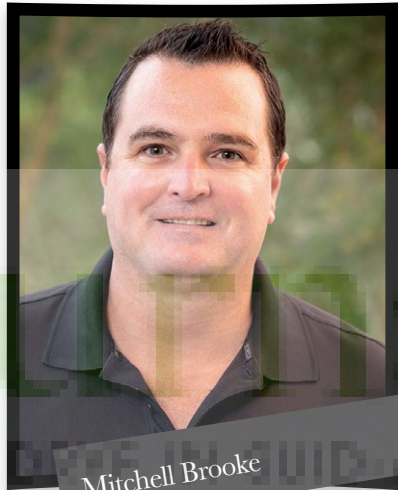


Calling all citrus industry HR representatives

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REQUIRED CONTAINER VOLUME THROUGHPUT

And productivity for the Cape Town Container Terminal



The Cape Town port has come under the spotlight in recent months due to on-going delays around container vessels calling the port. By Mitchell Brooke

There are two main factors that are mostly contributing to the persistent delays at the port:

1. Machinery and equipment: Cape Town Container Terminal (CTCT) is battling with machinery and equipment that is failing due to lack of maintenance, refurbishment and replacement. Ship to shore (STS) cranes – amongst the most important equipment – are failing constantly as a result. Of the eight cranes that are positioned at the terminal, only six cranes have been operational since the end of 2021; the remaining two cranes have been out of service

Table 1: Cape Town port container vessels at anchor during the month of March 2022

Date	At anchor	Arriving	Berthing	Departing	Balance	Wind forecast
01-Mar	5	1	0	0	6	FOG
02-Mar	6	2	2	2	6	FOG
03-Mar	6	0	2	1	4	UNION
04-Mar	4	2	1	1	5	WIND
05-Mar	5	0	0	0	5	WIND
06-Mar	5	1	2	3	4	WIND
07-Mar	4	2	1	0	5	WIND
08-Mar	5	1	0	0	6	NIL
09-Mar	6	0	0	1	6	WIND
10-Mar	6	0	1	1	5	WIND
11-Mar	4	1	0	0	5	SYSTEM
12-Mar	5	2	2	1	5	NIL
13-Mar	5	0	0	1	5	POWER
14-Mar	5	0	1	1	4	NIL
15-Mar	5	1	0	0	6	WIND
16-Mar	6	1	0	0	7	WIND
17-Mar	7	1	0	0	8	
18-Mar	8	0	1	1	7	WIND
19-Mar	7	0	1	1	6	WIND
20-Mar	6	0	1	1	5	
21-Mar	5	0	0	0	5	WIND
22-Mar	5	1	1	1	5	WIND
23-Mar	5	0	0	1	5	WIND
24-Mar	5	0	1	0	4	WIND
25-Mar	4	0	0	0	4	WIND
26-Mar	4	3	1	1	6	
27-Mar	6	0	1	1	5	
28-Mar	5	1	1	1	5	FOG
29-Mar	5	0	0	0	5	RANGING
30-Mar	5	0	0	2	5	RANGING
31-Mar	5	2	1	0	6	WIND