

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (3/12)

Justin Chadwick (27 January 2012)

MAKES YOU THINK "Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?"

CRI ADVICE FOR GROWERS WITH WATERLOGGED ORCHARDS

CRI have released a Cutting Edge (No132) regarding the dangers of phytophthora and some advice to growers to minimise the risk –

1. Orchards should be drained immediately, e.g. make furrows to lead the water away;
2. Orchards should be sprayed with a phosphonate foliar spray at the standard registered dosage;
3. Foliar applications should commence as soon as conditions will allow spray machines to move through the orchards;
4. It is suggested that sprays should commence in drier orchards or orchards less affected by the flood water first whilst the rest of the orchards are drying off;
5. The phosphonate application needs a follow up application 8 weeks after the first application.

For the full publication please contact jeandeg@cri.co.za.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012 CALENDAR

Tuesday (31 January) will be the date for the first Citrus Growers' Development Chamber meeting of 2012 and the launch of the "Fruits of Success" publication which highlights transformation in the citrus industry.

The **packhouse workshops** organized by CRI will be held as follows: 14-15/2 Limpopo, Forever Resorts, Tshipise; 16-17/2 Mpumalanga, Forever Resorts, Loskop Dam; 21-22/2 KZN/Swaziland, Shakaland, Eshowe; 23-24/2 Eastern Cape, Summerstrand Hotel, PE; 28-29/2 Western Cape, Villa Via Hotel, Gordon's Bay. For more information on how to register and the agenda etc. please contact HannesBester@cri.co.za.

The **CGA Road Shows** will be starting the week after next – please make sure the date is in your diary:

13/2 14h00 **Nkwalini** Farmers Hall; 14/2 08h30 **Pongola** Mvutshini Estate; 14/2 14h00 **KZN Midlands** Sinodale Centre Pietermaritzburg; 14/2 14h30 **Swaziland** Tambuti Estates; 15/2 09h30 **Nelspruit** CRI; 15/2 14h00 **Onderberg** Malelane Citrus Coop; 20/2 14h00 **Patensie** **; 20/2 14h00 **Senwes** Kingdoms Lodge; 21/2 14h00 **Sundays River** Kirkwood High School; 21/2 14h00 **Hoedspruit** **; 22/2 14h00 **East Cape Midlands** Kat River Citrus; 22/2/ 14h00 **Letsitele** The Junction; 23/2 15h00 **Zimbabwe** Bristow Farm; 24/2 08h30 **Limpopo River** **; 27/2 14h00 **Western Cape** Goedehoop Offices; 28/2 09h00 **Boland** Infruitec, Stellenbosch; 29/2 16h30 **Oranje Rivier** Kalahari Gateway; 1/3 14h00 **Vaalharts** Saamfarm.[** venue still to be finalised].

The first CGA Board meeting is planned for 13 March, followed by the Variety Focus Group meetings on 14 March and the first Citrus Marketing Forum meeting on 15 March.

150% DEDUCTION ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PORTION OF CGA LEVY

In an endeavor to increase private funding of research and development since 2006/7, SARS has allowed for a tax deduction of 150% on such expenditure. The percentage of the CGA levy claimable (i.e. the portion spent on R&D) is as follows: 2006/7 59%; 2007/8 56%; 2008/9 87%; 2009/10 60%; 2010/11 58% - the 2011/12 percentage will be calculated once CGA annual financial statements have been completed.

As an example – if you exported 100 000 cartons in 2010/11 you would have paid a levy of R 39 000 (**39 cents** a carton) – and you would have claimed this back as an expense. Since you could claim 150% of this expense you could claim an additional 50% of the R&D portion (58%); i.e. an additional $R39\,000 \times 50\% \times 58\% = R11\,310$. So your total levy payment would effectively have been reduced to R 27 690 or **28 cents** a carton.

Check with your accountant, but I believe that you can do this retrospectively back to 2006/7. Calculations indicate that there are savings of 2006/7 9c; 2007/8 9c; 2008/9 14c; 2009/10 11c and 2010/1 11c – a total reduction in your taxable amount of 54 cents per carton over the 5 years.

This deduction will continue through to August 2013 – when the Binding Class Ruling issued by SARS will fall away.

For more information contact Robert Miller (031 7652514) or see www.cga.co.za.

COOL LOGISTICS AFRICA CONFERENCE

Cool Logistics Resources, the organizers of the Cool Logistics Conference held in Europe each year are introducing the Cool Logistics Africa Conference in Cape Town on the 25th – 27th April 2012. Abrie de Swardt, newly-appointed Managing Director for Capespan Exports, Tau Morwe, Chief Executive, Transnet National Ports Authority and David Williams, Head of Southern Africa Cluster for Maersk Line will headline the debate on Africa's international cold chain competitiveness at Cool Logistics Africa 2012. Speaking in the keynote session on Trade and Infrastructure, the three executives will share views from one of Southern Africa's largest fruit companies, largest refrigerated container carrier and largest provider of port and rail infrastructure on the region's cold supply chain performance. Other senior figures from the world of perishable production and logistics now confirmed to join the focused 3-day forum. CGA are sponsors of this year's event and as such CGA members are entitled to a discounted registration fee, this specific registration form and the agenda can be obtained from the CGA website or alternatively request from Mitchell Brooke mitchell@cga.co.za.

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