

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (34/12)

Justin Chadwick (31 August 2012)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Often times when you face such an overwhelming challenge as global climate change, it can be somewhat daunting - it's kind of like trying to lose weight, which I know something about." Hillary Clinton

CELEBRATE SUCCESS: South Africa now number 1 in all three forms of cricket; test, one day and T20

CITRUS SPECIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE (CARBON CALCULATOR) WORKSHOPS

Consumer assurance is an essential part of market access – in order to assist growers to determine their carbon footprint the fruit and wine industry's embarked on a project which included the development of a carbon calculator. What is really important is that growers use the calculator now, so as to determine a benchmark for future evaluation. Paul Hardman (CGA Industry Affairs Manager) advises on important workshops in this regard; CGA have asked the Climate Change project team to hold workshops as close to the production areas as possible. This is a **free** workshop that makes it really easy to complete a Carbon Footprint calculation for the farming enterprise using the carbon calculator. This calculator was paid for in part by citrus growers. Workshops will be held in the following growing regions over September 2012: **Upington** (5th Sept); **Nelspruit** (19th); **Tzaneen** (20th); **Patensie** (24th); **Kirkwood** (25th) and **Fort Beaufort** (26th). The owner of the farm is not necessarily the one that must participate as those that have access to the appropriate records (e.g. tons of fruit produced in a year, Eskom bills that reflect kilowatts used, etc.) are able to complete the exercise. Further workshops will follow in October 2012. Shelly Fuller is the person setting up the workshops and can be contacted on: Email: shelly@climatefruitandwine.co.za or mobile: 084 555 6068. CGA really appeals to growers to support this initiative and benefit from their investment in the project.

CRI WORKSHOPS – FCM, THE SPRING PEST COMPLEX AND SYMPOSIUM FEEDBACK

Message from Hennie Le Roux:

At a CRI Management Meeting in March 2012 more creative ideas were considered with the objective of increasing the effectiveness of Extension in the short term. One of the proposals that were well supported was to introduce another layer into the structure of the Extension Model. This will be in the form of five **CRI Regional Extension Working Groups**, similar to (and in future incorporating) the highly successful CRI Regional Packhouse Working Groups. The five CRI Regional Extension Working Groups will be used as the primary platform for transferring new technologies to growers for implementation. Each Working Group will usually meet three times a year.

The 30 TTGs are to be retained to provide a structure for the establishment of grower research needs and priorities for the different areas, as well as to address specific local ad hoc needs.

The first of the CRI Regional Extension Workshops will be held in September 2012 (Limpopo, Mpumalanga & Kwa-Zulu Natal) and October (Eastern & Western Cape). It will be held over a period of two days and will start at 14:00 on the first day. There will be a braai in the evening with presentations continuing the next day from 08:00 to 12:00. The theme for the first workshop is: **"FCM, The Spring Pest Complex & Symposium Feedback"**

Day	Date	Region	Town	Venue
Tu-We	4-5 Sept 2012	Mpumalanga	White River	The Winkler
Th-Fr	6-7 Sept 2012	Limpopo	Polokwane	The Ranch
Tu-We	11-12 Sept 2012	KZN & Swaziland	Durban	Blue Waters
Ma-Tu	1-2 Oct 2012	Eastern Cape	Pending	Pending
We-Th	3-4 Oct 2012	Western Cape	Pending	Pending

DATES TO DIARISE

Annual DAFF Citrus Coordinating Meeting; **27 September 2012; 09h00-15h00 at ARC Infruitec in Stellenbosch.**

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To Week 35 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Final Shipped
SOURCE: PPECB	2010	2011	2012	2011	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011
Grapefruit	12.5 m	16.1 m	12.6 m	16.1 m	12.6 m	15.2 m	12.6 m	16.2 m	16.1 m
Soft Citrus	7.4 m	6.8 m	7.1 m	6.8 m	6.9 m	7.6 m	7.6 m	6.9 m	6.8 m
Lemons	9.3 m	10 m	9.8 m	9.7 m	9.2 m	11.1 m	9.8 m	10.8 m	10.2 m
Navels	22.9 m	20.3 m	23.3 m	45.9 m*	45.2 m*	22.9 m	23.3 m	21.2 m	61.7 m*
Valencia	35.2 m	26.2 m	25.5 m			46.1 m	44.8 m	44.2 m	
	87.3 m	79.3 m	78.3 m	78.5m	73.9 m	102.9 m	98.1 m	99.3 m	94.8 m

* All Oranges

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