

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (45/12)

Justin Chadwick (16 November 2012)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "A good lawyer knows the law; a clever one takes the judge to lunch" Anon

ORCHARD INSPECTIONS

South Africa has performed exceptionally well with respect to phytosanitary measures in 2012, with a considerable decrease in interceptions in overseas markets in 2012. One possible reason for this is the orchard inspections carried out by DAFF on orchards to be harvested for the EU. DAFF will begin early in the new year inspecting orchards once again, and growers are reminded to be prepared for these visits. PUC's that have not had orchard inspections will not be able to export to the EU, and will not have their phytosanitary certificates issued. To ensure that DAFF resources are used affectively those **growers who will begin harvesting before end March 2013 (i.e. before week 14) are asked to send their details (PUC, e-mail address, contact number and week of harvest) to justchad@iafrica.com so that inspection schedules can be optimised.**

START YOUR DIARY FOR 2013 ALREADY!!!!

As the last few cartons of valencia's draw the curtain down on the 2012 harvest, it is time to start planning activities for the new year. Growers tell me they have a 14 month year – there is no time to rest after the present harvest is complete as the new crop needs to be set. So the treadmill continues!!!

For us at CRI and CGA we are busy planning the Packhouse Workshops and the CGA Grower Roadshows. Once again we will try and fit these into the month of February – so please check your diaries and note these dates.

These are fantastic opportunities to hear about the latest news in the citrus industry, the Packhouse workshops give an insight into the latest post harvest technologies and opportunities to optimise; while the CGA Roadshow gives growers the chance to see what YOUR association is doing, and help guide future activities.

Packhouse workshops are scheduled as follows: Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 January – **Limpopo**; Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February **Mpumalanga**; Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 February – **KZN and Swaziland**; Thursday 14 and Friday 15 February – **Eastern Cape** and Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 February – **Western Cape**. Venues will be advised soon.

The CGA Roadshows are planned as follows; **Paul's Team 18-22 February** Senwes, Letsitele, Hoedspruit, Limpopo River and Zimbabwe; **25 February – 1 March** Boland, Western Cape, Hartswater and Oranje Rivier; **5 March** KZN Midlands; **Justin's Team 18-22 February** Nkwalini, Pongola, Swaziland, Nelspruit and Onderberg; **25 February – 1 March** Patensie, Sundays River and East Cape Midlands. Final dates and venues will be advised.

REALLY CLOSE!!!!

The soft citrus focus group must be congratulated on getting their estimate spot on – the actual export volume was 7.6 million cartons which they had estimated at their first meeting in March 2012. Valencia focus group members also deserve a pat on the back – with exports just 2% more than the original 46.1 million cartons estimate. Navels were the next best, just 3% over the first estimate; while lemons were 4.5% under estimate. Grapefruit spoilt the party, the problem with sizing resulted in the final volume shipped falling 16% less than the March estimate.

Overall the final export volume from southern Africa was a mere 1% less than the estimated 102.9 million cartons – this is going to be a hard act to follow!!!

LIMPOPO SITRUS BOEREDAG – DATE CORRECTION

On **FRIDAY 23 November 2012** the popular Limpopo Sitrus Boeredag will be held, at The Farmyard, Polokwane. The topics for the day include citrus specific issues such as new cultivars and packaging, and wider macroeconomic factors such as the political climate and the future of farming. For a copy of the program or any other information contact Dia van Staden dia@jouradio.co.za or 0837261180.

PACKED AND SHIPPED (No change from last week)

To Week 46 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction
SOURCE: PPECB	2010	2011	2012	2012	2012
Grapefruit	12.5 m	14.5 m	12.8 m*	15.2 m	12.8 m
Soft Citrus	7.5 m	6.9 m	7.6 m	7.6 m	7.6 m
Lemons	9.6 m	10.7 m	10.6 m**	11.1 m	10.6 m
Navels	22.9 m	20.7 m	23.6 m	22.9 m	23.6 m
Valencia	46.6 m	41.4 m	47.2 m***	46.1 m	47.2 m
	99 m	93.9 m	101.8 m	102.9 m	101.8 m

* RSA 12.1 m; Swazi 0.6 m; Zim/Moz 0.1 m ** RSA 10.5 m; Swazi 0.1 m; *** RSA 44.3 m; Swazi 0.9 m; Zim/Moz 2 m; ****All Oranges

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