FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (15/13)

Justin Chadwick (12 April 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't." Margaret Thatcher

CRI PRODUCTION WORKSHOPS

The CRI Workshops have become the most popular vehicle for technology transfer within the southern African citrus industry. 670 delegates attended the five CRI Post Harvest Technical workshops earlier this year. The next round of workshops will take place at the end of May and beginning of June and will cover various production practices such as irrigation, fertilization, pruning and cultivars. Find herewith the dates for the various workshops per region. The agenda will follow soon.

Date	Workshop	Venue
Tuesday 28 - Wednesday 29 May	Limpopo	Letsitele
Thursday 30 - Friday 31 Mei	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit
Tues 4 - Wed 5 Jun	KZN & Swaziland	Durban
Thursday 6 - Friday 7 Jun	Eastern Cape	Sundays River Valley
Tuesday 11 - Wednesday 12 Jun	Western Cape	Citrusdal

TNPA TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS 2013/14 [Mitchell Brooke]

The Ports Regulator has deduced that there is to be a 0% increase for the 2013/14 year on port charges levied by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA). However the Regulator has determined that TNPA is to decrease the cargo dues tariff for export containers by 43.2%. Although during the 2012/13 tariff year there was a R1bn rebate issue on export containers resulting in a decrease of R1 820.00 per 12m container with a total charge of R646.06 per container. This was a temporary form of relief granted for the 2012/13 period only, with the new 2013/14 tariff determination being of a permanent nature. The 2013/14 cargo dues tariff for 12m export containers has been reduced from R2 466.06 to R1 400.72 (-43.2%) per container with a saving of R70.04 per high cube pallet and R0.67c per 15kg equivalent carton. Consultation was made with the Ports Regulator in pursuit of a more fairly representative export container port cargo dues tariff; we now see the fruits of success of these deliberations (if indeed the consultation and submissions are reflective of this new tariff determination). This determination should bring some form of financial relief in a year in which inflation pressures are very high.

LEVY ADMINISTERED BY CGA

Growers are reminded that the levy administered by CGA is 47 cents plus VAT per 15 Kg carton for 2013. If you have any further questions please contact the Financial and Business Administration Manager Robert Miller at robertm@cga.co.za

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROWERS, PACKHOUSES AND EXPORT AGENTS

The two latest Cutting Edge circulars contain important information for all stakeholders in the southern African citrus industry. The first (Cutting Edge 155) covers Packhouse Inspections for False Codling Moth; while Cutting Edge 156 is a Consumer Assurance Update – with information on SIZA, Confronting Climate Change project, the IDC Green Fund and Indonesia. Both Cutting Edge's are available on www.cga.co.za

PACKED AND SHIPPED

The first 1.5 million cartons have been packed (grapefruit 100 000, soft citrus 600 000 and lemons 800 000). This is similar to the same time in 2011 (1.8 m) and 2012 (1.3 m). Of this packed fruit 300 000 cartons of soft citrus has been shipped, and 500 000 cartons of lemons- still early days.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS' FUND THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE LEVY ADMINISTERED BY THE CGA