

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (16/13)

Justin Chadwick (19 April 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"The fundamental cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt" Bertrand Russell*

SIZA WORKSHOPS

The development of the SIZA platform by Fruit South Africa (of which CGA is a member) is one of the most strategically important initiatives for the South African fruit industry. This platform provides all in the supply chain with an opportunity to ensure that South Africa is recognized for our ethical production and supply of fruit. CGA has pushed hard for workshops to be held in the citrus growing regions, so as to reduce the costs for growers to attend. **Growers are urged to help us help you by attending these important workshops.**

Date	Workshop	Venue	Time	Participants (as at 19/4)
Monday 22 April	Tzaneen	Westphalia Training Centre	14h30-16h30	22
Tuesday 23 April	Hoedspruit	Swadini Resort	10h00-12h00	3
Thursday 24 April	Nelspruit	Halls Training Centre	10h00-12h00	18
Friday 25 April	Kirkwood	Kirkwood Ondersteuners Klub	10h00-12h00	40
Thursday 2 May	Ceres	Ceres Fruit Growers Lesings Saal	10h00-12h00	22
Wednesday 15 May	Kakamas	Lake Grappa	14h30-16h30	23

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COLLEEN CHENNELLS AT chennell@iafrica.com

CBS AND LOGISTICS BRIEFING

Mitchell Brooke and I will be travelling to Senwes, Letsitele and Nelspruit the week after next, holding meetings in Marble Hall at 10h00 on Monday 29 April (venue to be announced), in Letsitele at The Junction at 15h00 on the same day, and at Nelspruit, CRI at 10h00 on Tuesday 30 April.

The objective of the meetings are twofold;

- 🕒 To discuss CGA/DAFF/DTI CBS activities to date, present situation and situation going forward
- 🕒 To discuss logistics arrangement for 2013 and feedback from Cool Logistics Conference

All growers from the north are urged to attend.

WORLD CITRUS PRODUCTION

During the 1980's on average 57.8 million tons of citrus was produced every year; in 2010/2011 world citrus production was calculated at 115.2 million tons – double that of the '80's. China has emerged as the biggest citrus producer (at 22.9 million tons), closely followed by Brazil (22.7 million tons). The Mediterranean basin produces 22.2 million tons – lead by Spain at 7.5 million tons, Egypt 3.5 million and Turkey and Italy both on 3.3 million tons. The USA produces 11.7 million tons. South Africa produces about 2.2 million tons.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Since the first variety focus group meetings (where the estimate was determined) the Lemon and Soft Citrus Focus Groups have met – with soft citrus prediction coming off 100 000 cartons, and lemons increased by 100 000, leaving the total estimate the same.

To date 865 358 cartons of the predicted 1 765 947 cartons of Satsuma have been packed.

To Week 16 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013	2013	2013	2012
Grapefruit	0.6 m	0.3 m	0.6 m	0.1m	0.1 m	15 m	15 m	13 m
Soft Citrus	1.3 m	1 m	0.9 m	0.7 m	0.4 m	8.2 m	8.1 m	7.6 m
Lemons	1.1 m	0.7 m	1 m	0.5 m	0.7 m	11.1 m	11.2 m	10.5 m
Navels	0.1 m	-	-	-	-	24.9 m	24.9 m	24.6 m
Valencia	0.1 m	-	-	-	-	47.7 m	47.7 m	47.2 m
	3.2 m	2 m	2.5 m	1.3 m	1.2 m	106.8 m	106.8 m	103 m

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