

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (20/13)

Justin Chadwick (17 May 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

Theodore Roosevelt

DR D J (HOPPIE) NEL

Since deregulation there is one person whose dedication to the citrus growing sector in southern Africa is unsurpassed. Hoppie has been a member of the CGA Board since its inception in November 1997 – 15 years of continuous service. The quote from Theodore Roosevelt is appropriate as we bid farewell to Hoppie as a CGA Director – he has always been in the arena and a "doer of deeds". As Onderberg Director, Hoppie was on the CGA Executive Committee from 1999 until his resignation last month; as Chairman of the Board from 2001 to 2004 and again 2007 to 2009; and Vice Chairman 2006 to 2007 and 2010-2011.

Given that Hoppie is a man of scientific intellect he played a leading role in firstly molding and then directing Citrus Research International (CRI) – serving on the Board since 2002, on the Executive Committee since 2006 and as Chairman of the Board since 2011.

Hoppie's leadership at CGA has meant that the Association has grown as it responds to grower needs, and this growth has resulted in the creation of new entities. Hoppie has not been satisfied with just establishing these entities – but has been instrumental in giving them guidance during their formative years – he has been a member of the River Bioscience Board since 2012, and was an inaugural Board member of the CGACC (on which he still serves). Since 2006 Hoppie has served as CGA representative on the Citrus Marketing Forum – speaking out on matters that impact on growers business.

On a personal note I would like to thank Hoppie for his wise guidance and constructive criticism. He always responded to e-mails and phone calls – and the responses were always made after due consideration of the matter at hand. The CGA will definitely miss Hoppie's wise council.

INFORMATION

Agri-hub is in the starting block, ready to process roughly 90% of the export information to start providing meaningful aggregated export information to you. Agri-hub is a joint initiative between the Citrus, Grape and Stone and Pome fruit industries together with the main information service providers, Paltrack, Dipar, Prophet and Farsoft to electronically collate the information flows from various sources such as pack-houses, exporters, terminals and cold stores with the purpose of providing anonymous but reliable industry data with a special focus on volumes shipped. The most critical issue now is to get the permission letters back allowing the required information to be processed by the hub; especially from the exporter organizations. If you have received an Agri-hub related request for permission, you are urged to respond positively as soon as possible and give the green light for better information.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To Week 20 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	4.5 m	4.7 m	5.8 m	3.2 m	2.7 m	15 m	14.7 m	13 m
Soft Citrus	2.5 m	2.2 m	2.3 m	1.9 m	1.9 m	8.2 m	8.1 m	7.6 m
Lemons	2.5 m	2.3 m	3.4 m	1.8 m	2.5 m	11.1 m	10.1 m	10.5 m
Navels	1.5 m	1.2 m	1 m	0.5 m	0.2 m	24.9 m	24.9 m	24.6 m
Valencia	0.1 m	-	-	-	-	47.7 m	47.7 m	47.2 m
	11.1 m	10.4 m	11.6 m	7.4 m	7.3 m	106.8 m	105.5 m	103 m

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