

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (40/13)

Justin Chadwick (4 October 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing" Anatole France

2014 PHYTOSANITARY REGISTRATIONS BEGIN

The registration for Special Markets for the 2014 season began on the 1st October 2013. All citrus growers wishing to export in 2014 must submit documentation to DAFF by the **1st November 2013. Documents must be at the DAFF offices by this date. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED in light of the very tight deadlines to get the China PUC list finalized on time.**

There are two ways in which the details for PUCs and orchards can be captured.

1) **Manual Applications:** Download the documents from the DAFF website (<http://www.daff.gov.za/> → AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY BRANCH → PLANT HEALTH → Exporting from SA → Phytosanitary registration for special export markets). Fill these documents in manually and then courier all the documents back to DAFF. This is a similar system to 2014.

2) **Using the Online Tool:** This allows growers to capture the details electronically, printing out the application, sign it and submit this via courier back to DAFF. Appendix A and B are available from the website and must also be completed depending on which markets the grower is registering for. Growers are invited to use the tool by going to the following URL:

<http://dev.cga.co.za/reg/phytologin.php>. You will be asked to type in your PUC and create a password (in case you need to go into the system again later). Follow the instruction provided as you work through the application process. There are a number of advantages to this system:

- **NB:** This system helps to prevent typing errors and prevents DAFF from having to re-capture all the information. **Incorrect Orchard and Block** numbers on the carton was a significant cause of delays in issuing the phytosanitary certificates in 2013. **Incorrect marking requirements** for China, South Korea and Thailand can be eliminated.

- The system is designed to prompt users about information requirements and options.
- The details from last year have been pulled through into the database so it is a case of updating the system rather than starting from scratch. The move towards more electronic systems will help reduce errors when systems communicate down the line.

Growers are urged to complete the phytosanitary registrations applications and **have the documents submitted well before the 1st November 2013 deadline** and **strongly encouraged to use the online system to capture the information** to reduce the chance of errors. Paul Hardman is standing by if you have problems ph@cga.co.za or 082 880 7933.

CBS RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) FOR 2014

Last week CGA sent to all growers a document covering the most important changes to the risk management system for 2014 – if you did not receive it please let me know at justchad@iafrica.com. Attention must be drawn to the following;

- ▼ All growers on the Black and Alert list will need to apply for reinstatement **before the end of October 2013**. Application forms available from DAFF. Black and Alert lists on www.cga.co.za in the members section.
- ▼ Only supervent and open top cartons can be used for the EU.
- ▼ The "hit" system has been reduced from 4 to 3 (orchard, orchard and production unit).
- ▼ Fruit must arrive in the port and be under cooling within 6 days after Packhouse inspection.
- ▼ A designated person at each Packhouse must have undergone training by DAFF wrt the CBS RMS. This training will take place in conjunction with the CRI Packhouse workshops at end January/beginning February 2014.
- ▼ Similar training will be required by designated persons from Freight Forwarders.

AGRIBEE CHAMPIONS COURSE

Further to last week's information on this important course please note courses will also be held in Letsitele (4 and 5 November) and Nelspruit (7 and 8 November). As mentioned last week other dates and Venues: 21/22 October Addo: SRCC Training Centre; 24/25 October Patensie Ripple Hill Hotel; 28/29 October Citrusdal Country Lodge; 31 October 1 November Groblersdal Max Mar Game Lodge and 11/12 November Nkweleni Aloe Guest Lodge. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT** angela@citrusacademy.org.za or look for information on http://www.transcend.co.za/workshops/bbbbee_champions_course_durban_and_cape_town.html

IMPORTANT MEETINGS TO CLOSE OUT 2013

A citrus technical workshop (standards meeting) will be held again this year; 31 October 2013, Nietvoorbij, ARC, Stellenbosch. The final CMF of 2013 will be held at Infruitec in Stellenbosch on Friday 1 Nov 2013.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To Week 40 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	15.5 m	13 m	17.8 m	13 m	15.9 m	15 m	17.8 m	13 m
Soft Citrus	6.9 m	7.6 m	8.4 m	7.6 m	8.4 m	8.2 m	8.4 m	7.6 m
Lemons	10.6 m	10.4 m	10.5 m	10.4 m	10.5 m	11.1 m	10.5 m	10.5 m
Navels	21.2m	24.6 m	25.4 m	24.6 m	25.4 m	24.9 m	25.4 m	24.6 m
Valencia	38.7 m	41.8 m	47.9 m	41.8 m	41.4 m	47.7 m	47.9 m	47.2 m
Total	92.9 m	96.5 m	110 m	97.4 m	101.6 m	106.8 m	110 m	103 m

Grapefruit packed includes 1 million cartons, and Valencia packed includes 2.8 million cartons from Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

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