



FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (5/15)

Justin Chadwick (20 February 2015)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Everything that is great has been done by youth" Benjamin Disraeli

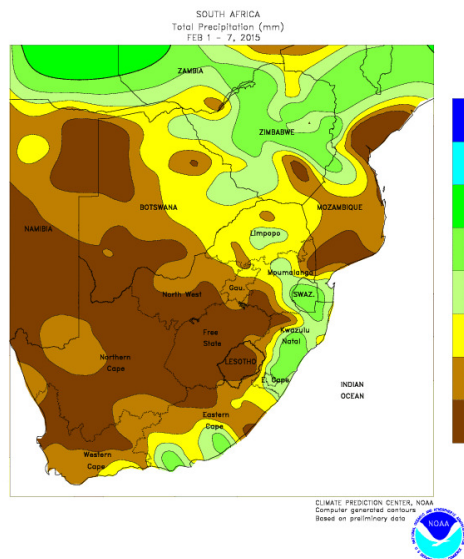
INVEST IN THE YOUTH (FOR YOUR OWN SATISFACTION)

This year I have finally ended my school fee paying era and entered my University fee paying era. Dropping my son off at NMMU George Campus brought some unexpected pleasure (although not to my bank account!!). George Campus must be set in the most beautiful surroundings of all tertiary education institutions in South Africa – nestled in indigenous forests the campus is beautifully maintained. The delight I got was not just from the surroundings – but from the students. I picked up three female students hitchhiking (yes you can still hitchhike in George – even as a young girl) and gave them a lift for the ten kilometers from George to the campus. From the moment they entered the car they overwhelmed me with their positive chatter about the courses they were studying, their enthusiasm about what they planned to do once graduated (they were all in final year and were on the different residential house committees) and their loyalty to George campus and NMMU. I have experienced similar enthusiasm, positive attitude and energy from all my encounters with Citrus Academy students; unfortunately when I mix with people of my own age this infectious enthusiasm quickly dies – whinging about all that is wrong in the country and heaping negative energy on any positive thought (I realise I am generalizing). I would encourage all to get involved with the youth to help them realize their dreams and in so doing grow South Africa (and I mean the real youth and not the pretender red tellietubbies) – you will be rewarded many times over (just ask those in the citrus industry who already support the Citrus Academy students by funding bursaries, taking on students to work during vacation or employing interns). If you want to get involved see how on the Citrus Academy website www.citrusacademy.co.za.

CITRUS SUMMIT WELCOMES ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

CGA's ability to host a memorable First CGA Citrus Summit has been given a boost through the generous sponsorship from the Platinum Sponsor – **STANDARD BANK**, and the addition of Gold Sponsor the **FPT GROUP**. Additional sponsors **GRANOR PASSI** and **PPECB** have allowed CGA to keep registration fees low while ensuring that the Summit delivers value to those who will attend. Fanie Meyer (0828559949 or meyerf@mweb.co.za) is putting together a fantastic golf day (10 March) at arguably the best golf course in South Africa while CRI staff have an excellent field trip planned (either 10 or 13 March). For those travelling from afar the Summit is held on Kruger Park's doorstep – so go see some lions (and not the type that are going to come short against the Sharks tomorrow).

SOUTH AFRICA GRAPPLES WITH DRY WEATHER



South Africa continues to suffer from lower than average rainfall. The lack of rain has already had severe consequences for the sugar industry, particularly the rain fed regions in Kwazulu Natal. One mill will definitely not open in 2015; while it is rumoured that other mills may also remain mothballed for the year. The grain industry is also experiencing meagre rainfall at a critical period for crop development – with maize futures prices already reflecting an anticipated drop in yields. This will have an important effect on food prices and food security. For the citrus industry irrigation systems have been working around the clock to ensure fruit development; but this does not compensate fully for the lack of rain. Fortunately most dams are at a reasonable level – on 16/2 dam levels in Limpopo were 91% full (2014 83%); Northern Cape 86% (2014 82%); Mpumalanga 93% (2014 95%). The East Coast of South Africa is most affected with KZN 73% (2014 85%) and Eastern Cape 77% (2014 84%). In the winter rainfall Western Cape region dams are 62% full (2014 79%).

THERE IS WATER IN THE DUSI

Congratulations to CGA Information Manager John Edmonds who is competing with his sister in this year's Dusi Canoe Marathon. The former Dusi champ is taking part in his 38th Dusi Canoe Marathon!!!

TWITTER – ALMOST AT A 100

Unlike David Miller and JP Duminy who scored fantastic hundreds as South Africa saw off a spirited Zimbabwe; my Twitter followers stays stuck at 98 – please follow me on justchad_cga so that I too can become a centurion.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS' HAVE INVESTED IN THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUED FUNDING OF CGA, XSIT, CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, CGACC AND CITRUS ACADEMY