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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (37/15)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK “Scratch a dog and you’ll find a permanent job” Franklin P Jones

TWITTER

After a year just got my 200th follower on twitter – it is a great platform to share news; please follow me!!

AGRISETA AWARDS (Message from Jacomien de Klerk)

Citrus Academy students once again shone at the AgriSETA Excellence Awards. The gala dinner was held Wednesday evening in Johannesburg. Desiree and Jacomien attended, along with the three nominated students. As it turned out, Citrus Academy scooped the following awards: **Category Best Performing Learner: Internship** - The winner was Theron Mapanga (N Dip Plant Production, Lowveld College; BTech, UNISA (current studies); did his internship at **Croc Valley** where he is now also employed); The runner-up was Olivia Selowe (N Dip Plant Production, Lowveld College; BTech, UNISA (current studies); did her internship at **Champagne Citrus** where she is still working). Olivia and Theron are good friends and they are studying together this year towards their BTechs. When they were nominated they agreed that they will share the prize money, no matter which one of them won in the end. Theron said afterwards the deal still stands. **Category Best Performing Learner: Graduate Placement** - Runner-up was Sonwabo Ncera (BSc Ag Econ, University of Fort Hare; did his graduate placement at the CGA and is now employed at **SRCC**) We are, as always, very proud of the achievements of these learners. This is the fourth year in a row that Citrus Academy students have been on top at the Excellence Awards ceremony. I was asked over and over again how we do it, to share the secret. I said it is all about having an eye for talent. Thanks to Desiree who accompanied the AgriSETA judges on the interviews with the students and spoke so well on their behalf and to Robert who spoke so well on behalf of the CGA during Sonwabo's interview.

SOUTH KOREA

Exports to South Korea has been one of the stand out success stories for 2015. In 2012 just 163 380 cartons were approved for export to South Korea (all Valencia type oranges). In 2013 grapefruit gained access towards year end and total volumes increased to 260 005 cartons (grapefruit 67 790; rest Valencia oranges). With a full year of exports in 2014 grapefruit cartons increased to 392 015 and total cartons almost doubled to 695 665. By the end of week 38 South Korean export volumes are heading towards a million cartons – grapefruit accounting for 594 835 cartons. **From Rauff Dawood** (Special Export Programs): *On behalf of Citrus Growers' Association we would like to thank everybody that was involved in the Korea exports programme directly or indirectly. It has been a busy 2015 season for Korea with record breaking export volumes shipped out from previous years to this year. With the assistance of all the role players namely FPT, DAFF, PPECB, agents, container depots and shipping lines you guys did an excellent job. As we come to the close of the citrus season there are always challenges (like meeting with deadlines, making sure that we finish on time with all duties), as we need to wrap up citrus exports to Korea. This is very important because we have a Korean official based in Durban who conducts preclearance inspections with DAFF. He is due to go back home on the 30th September 2015. After the 29th September 2015 he will no longer be available to conduct any duties, so I trust that all the role players will work together making sure that we finish on time and efficiently. Once again CGA would like to thank everybody for their combined efforts.*

FAREWELL TO EU AMBASSADOR ROELAND VAN DE GEER

At the end of September Ambassador van de Geer will be leaving his post at the EU Embassy in Pretoria to take up a position in Tanzania. Ambassador van de Geer has taken a keen interest in the CBS dossier, he has always managed to put forward a balanced approach (balancing EU's concerns regarding plant health and the importance of trade). The Ambassador has always articulated some of the complex issues into easy to understand and logically actions – he has been a true friend of the South African citrus industry and we wish him well in his new posting.

ANNUAL CITRUS COORDINATING MEETING; CRI PRODUCTION WORKSHOPS

On 30th September DAFF will hold their **Annual Citrus Coordinating Meeting** at Tzaneen Country Lodge 09h00 to 14h00. Delegates do a post mortem on 2015 and discusses changes and improvements and plans for 2016. This meeting is a must for all citrus exporters and is an opportunity to ensure continuous improvement. RSVP to gloria@cga.co.za. Growers in the Letsitele and Hoedspruit region – DAFF is coming to your backyard so please attend. Three **CRI Production Workshops** remain: 29-30 September KZN and Swaziland; Garden Court South Beach; 1-2 October Eastern Cape; Mentorskraal, Jeffreys Bay & 6-7 October Pekienserskloof, Citrusdal. For more information and registration contact jeandeg@cri.co.za.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To end Week 38 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2013	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2015	2014
Grapefruit	18.1 m	15.6 m	16.1 m	14.7 m	16 m	15.3 m	16.1 m	15.6 m
Soft Citrus	8.4 m	9.9 m	9.9 m	9.5 m	9.9 m	10 m	9.9 m	10 m
Lemons	10.5 m	13.1 m	14.7 m	12.8 m	14.3 m	13.6 m	15 m	13.2 m
Navels	25.4 m	25.9 m	24.5 m	25.9 m	24.5 m	25.1 m	24.5 m	26 m
Valencia	46.5 m	50 m	47.5 m	38 m	40.1 m	49.1 m	50 m	50.9 m
Total	108.9 m	114.5 m	112.7 m	100.9 m	104.8 m	113.1 m	115.5 m	115.7 m

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