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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (37/15)

Justin Chadwick 25 September 2015

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"It's like a rugby team. If you're picking for the World Cup Final, you're picking experience with youth. Everything is better off having that balance and that mix. I think that, especially, goes for the monarchy as well"* Prince William [Go Bokke]

DAFF ANNUAL COORDINATING MEETING

With temperatures at 39 C it was just as well the air conditioning was working at the Tzaneen Country Lodge as DAFF, industry and other role players met to unpack the 2015 season and plan for the year ahead. With about 200 delegates this important meeting is attracting more and more growers; thanks to DAFF for taking the meeting into the citrus regions, and for the growers for making it worth their while to do so (even saw some growers from the Republic of the Western Cape and Eastern Cape). Salamina Maelane expertly guided the meeting through a number of important presentations, and acknowledged the fine team work between industry, DAFF and other in 2015. In particular she and her colleagues recognised the contribution made by CGA (and Paul Hardman in particular for the on-line registrations and tablets for in field data capturing); and SRCC (and in particular Christo Theron for the way they worked with the Eastern Cape inspectors). The presentations will soon be available on both CGA and DAFF websites.

Of importance for next year's registration is that registrations are now open. Last year almost 90% of production units registered on line; this year we hope it will be close to 100%. On line registration does away with "finger trouble" and ensures all details are correctly captured. The on line web site will be available from Monday 5 October – if you are experiencing problems you can call Portia, Sive, John or Paul on 031 765 2514.

Closing dates for registration is 30 October 2015 – please get in early and get your papers completed. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LATE REGISTRATION. Please note that for orchard registration you will be required to input both hectares and number of trees – this is compulsory.

Once the registrations are complete DAFF will have the information available from 20 November to 4 December 2015 for verification; growers must check their details over this time to ensure that everything is correct.

One worrying issue that was raised, and not for the first time at these meetings, is the number of cartons that are rejected due to incorrect markings and labelling on the carton. This is really a basic requirement – and a huge waste of money and time if it is not done correctly; correct markings and labelling are as important for phytosanitary security as are any other permit or protocol requirements, Inspectors in South Africa (both DAFF and those from overseas) cannot understand why we fail to get this right – we need attention to detail as repeated non-conformance to any element of the requirements is seen as a failure and inability to meet what is required – putting future market access at risk.

For those who missed the Annual Coordinating Meeting in Tzaneen THERE IS A SECOND CHANCE. DAFF will now go on a road show presenting the same information at the following venues: 5/10 Marble Hall – Toitskraal; 6/10 Tshipise – Alicedale; 7/10 Tzaneen Country Lodge; 8/10 Hoedspruit – Hengel Klub; 9/10 Nelspruit – CRI; 12/10 Nkwalini – Farmers Hall; 14/10 Sundays River – Bowls Club; 16/10 Stellenbosch – Nietvorbij. All meetings start at 09h00 except Hoedspruit which is at 12 noon. For more information contact Rejoice (012 319 6538) or Tankiso (012 308 8703) or rejoicem@daff.gov.za or tankisoa@daff.gov.za. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ernest, Salamina and their team for their hard work in 2015 – exporting over 1.5 million tons of citrus to the world's most discerning markets takes a team effort and we appreciate the work done by DAFF.

CITRUS MARKETING FORUM (CMF)

The final CMF for 2015 will take place at Olive Grove, Infruitec, Stellenbosch on Thursday 15 October 2015 starting at 09h00. The industry will look back on 2015 and discuss the upcoming season. Agenda to follow. Please RSVP to Gloria@cga.co.za

PACKED AND SHIPPED

To end Week 39 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	18.2 m	15.6 m	16.2 m	15 m	16 m	15.3 m	16.2 m	15.6 m
Soft Citrus	8.4 m	9.9 m	9.9 m	9.6 m	9.9 m	10 m	9.9 m	10 m
Lemons	10.5 m	13.1 m	14.7 m	12.9 m	14.5 m	13.6 m	15 m	13.2 m
Navels	25.4 m	26 m	24.5 m	26 m	24.5 m	25.1 m	24.5 m	26 m
Valencia	48.3 m	50 m	48.3 m	41.3 m	45.1 m	49.1 m	50 m	50.9 m
Total	110.8 m	114.6 m	113.6 m	104.8 m	110 m	113.1 m	115.6 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