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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (44/15)

Justin Chadwick 20 November 2015

QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"Leadership is not a title, it's a behaviour."* Robin Sharma

GET READY FOR 2016

Most people are now in possession of a 2016 diary – so make a note of the following:

CRI Post Harvest Workshops	January 26/27 Limpopo 1; January 28/29 Limpopo 2; February 9/10 Mpumalanga; February 11/12 KZN & Swaziland; February 16/17 Eastern Cape; February 18/19 Western Cape	Hannes Bester HannesBester@cri.co.za
CGA Grower Roadshows	Paul Hardman's Group: February 22 Boland; February 23 Western Cape; February 24 Oranje Rivier; February 29 Limpopo River & Zimbabwe; March 1 Letsitele; March 2 Hoedspruit; March 3 Senwes; March 8 KZN Midlands Justin Chadwick's Group: February 22 Nkwalini; February 23 Swaziland; February 24 Nelspruit; February 25 Onderberg; March 1 East Cape Midlands; March 2 Sundays River; March 3 Patensie	Gloria Weare gloria@cga.co.za
Variety Focus Groups	March 16 th	Gloria Weare gloria@cga.co.za
Citrus Marketing Forum	March 17 th	Gloria Weare gloria@cga.co.za
CGA AGM	August 31 st	Gloria Weare gloria@cga.co.za

CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY



To fulfil its mandate to develop new growers and fully integrate them into the South African citrus industry the CGA has formed the CGA Grower Development Company. The Board of this company has met twice under the Chairmanship of Dr Mono Mashaba. The balance of the Board members are made up by grower representatives (Lawrence Mgdle and Thomson Mankili) and two directors with special skills – Juliette du Preez and Rudzani Rasikhinye.

HAIL AND DROUGHT REPORT REPORT

When a country is caught in the grips of a terrible drought you would think that any precipitation would be welcomed – but when it comes in solid form and with a vengeance it is less palatable. This past week regions in the Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces were hit by a hail storm the scale and reach of which has seldom been witnessed before. In terms of the citrus industry the most affected regions seem to have been around Hoedspruit. Although growers are still assessing the impact, initial indications are that 20 to 30% of Hoedspruit's 10 million carton annual average export volume may have been affected. The Hoedspruit mango crop caught the brunt of the storm with considerable damage as the crop was about to get harvested.

There was a little hail in the Groblersdal/Marble Hall area but no significant damage – rainfall varied considerably over the region with some recording 50 mm. The Ohrigstad area caught the tail end of the hail storm with 40 to 50 hectares affected; this will impact on fruit pack out due to blemishes on the fruit.

Growers along the Limpopo river report rainfall of 15 to 200 mm with the river flowing a little allowing some irrigation; but with extremely high temperatures (43 C).

MEETING FOR THOSE EXPORTING TO SOUTH KOREA

A reminder to all those exporting to South Korea; a meeting is being organised by DAFF at Tzaneen Country Lodge on 24 November 2015 at 09h30.

VERIFY YOUR REGISTRATION DETAILS

DAFF have put out the data for final verification of Phytosanitary registrations – which will be added to the CGA website on Monday. Growers are reminded to check their details, as this will form the basis for certification in the new year.

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