

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (15/16)

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"Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves" Carl Jung

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS CHAMBER (AGBIZ)

At the CGA Board meeting in February 2016 the Directors resolved to apply for membership of AgBiz. This week we were informed that the application had been accepted. The decision to join AgBiz was due to the close alignment of both entities key objectives, the involvement of AgBiz in market access, government policy and transformation activities and their professional approach. We look forward to being an active participant in the activities of AgBiz in the future.

CITRUS RESOURCE WAREHOUSE (CRW)

Those that attended the CGA Roadshow meeting in February and March will know that the Citrus Academy has been working on the Citrus Resource Warehouse, a website designed to store a wide range of documents relevant to the citrus industry. On this site you will find everything from research reports, extension briefs, learning material, media articles and newsletters, legislation and regulations and much more, all in searchable PDF format. You can now access the resource warehouse, at www.crw.org.za. For more information, please email Jacomien de Klerk (jacomien@citrusacademy.org.za) or Angela Phillips (angela@citrusacademy.org.za).

LETSITELE CITRUS BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME INFORMATION MEETING

The Citrus Academy is planning to roll out a Citrus Business Management course in Letsitele from August 2016 to May 2017. The CBM is a full learnership programme, aimed at assisting everyone who own or manage a citrus farm with developing their business management skills. On Thursday 12 May an information meeting about the programme will be held at The Junction, to which all Letsitele and Hoedspruit growers are invited. For more information, please contact Jacomien de Klerk (jacomien@citrusacademy.org.za) or Desiree Schonken (desiree@citrusacademy.org.za).

SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

The South Korean inspector has approved the list of PUCs and orchards and packing and inspections can now commence for South Korea. Patrick Magadani at DAFF and Rauff Dawood (dbn_korea@fpt.co.za) in the Durban port have the lists of those production units registered for South Korea.

Japan inspections have also commenced this week.

Invoices: The inspection invoices are being sent out today.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN RESPECT OF THE PERISHABLE PRODUCTS EXPORT CONTROL BILL, NO. 39593 ADVERTISED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FRIDAY, 15 JAN 2016

The so called PPECB Act was enacted in the 1980's – as such much of the content is hardly applicable to the environment they are engaged in in 2016. The Act is being reviewed and it is important that all those in the supply chain educate themselves on the envisaged changes, look critically at what PPECB should and could be doing, and attend the public consultations so that your voice is heard. The consultations will be held as follows: **PE** – 30 May 2016- 10h00-12h00 - Beach Hotel, Marine Drive, Summerstrand; **Durban** – 31 May 2016 – 10h00-12h00 – Gateway Hotel, Cnr Centenary Boulevard & Twilight Drive, Umhlanga Ridge; **Gauteng** – 1 June 2016 – 10h00-12h00 – In Joy Boutique Hotel, 1033 Shirley Road, Eldoraigine, Centurion; **Cape Town** – 2 June 2016 – 10h00-12h00 – Protea Hotel Tygervalley, Off Uys Krige/Agulhas Road, Bellville. Contact Michelle Adams at 021 930 1134 or MichelleA@ppecb.com for any queries.

SOUTH EAST ASIA TRIP

On Sunday I will be joining a Fruit South Africa delegation which will visit India, Philippines and Indonesia over the next two weeks. The first stop is India where Fruit SA will once again be a sponsor of Fresh Produce India – this growing market for southern African citrus fruit is a key market for the future. The visit will include meetings with importers, authorities and others involved in the Indian fruit trade. With little progress with Philippines citrus access procedures the delegation will find out first-hand what has caused the delay since the Philippines authorities visited South Africa in August 2015. And finally in Indonesia the delegation will establish exactly the advantages gained from mutual country recognition, what is needed to maintain recognition and whether Indonesia is planning to allow permits for imported citrus in 2016.

