

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (18/16)

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"The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up" P Valery

2016 CITRUS STATISTICS BOOK

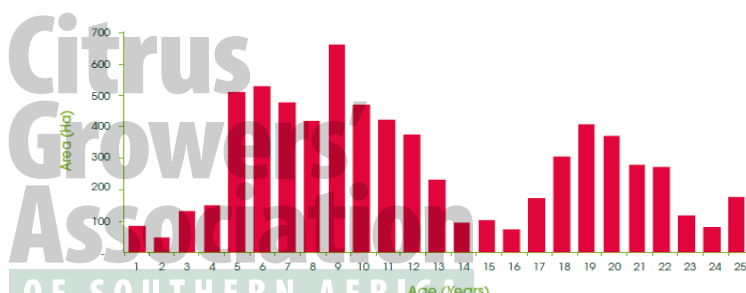
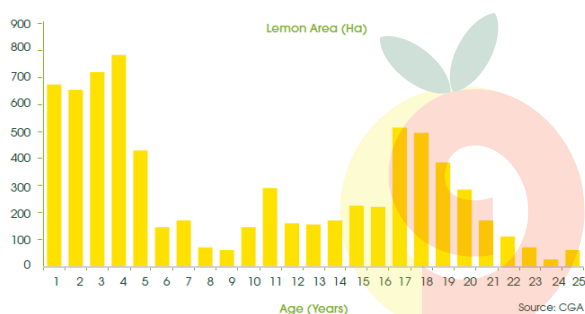
John Edmonds (CGA Information Manager) has put the finishing touches to the 2016 Citrus Statistics which is presently at the printers. The book will be distributed to all CGA members (citrus growers in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Swaziland) and to FPEF. Should you wish to get a printed copy at R55 (including VAT and postage) please contact Gloria@cga.co.za. Electronic copies are also available free of charge.

To wet your appetites consider the extracted graphs below showing the age of trees for grapefruit and lemons (from the latest tree census). The excellent returns experienced from lemon exports has resulted in increased plantings of lemons – with a lot of trees now less than five years old. This would point to increased lemon export volumes in the future. Conversely, not much grapefruit has been planted in the last four years. Grapefruit importers better ensure they have developed good relationships with suppliers so as not to be caught short when export volumes start to fall.



Age Distribution Lemons

Age Distribution Grapefruit



WHAT WEEK ARE WE IN?

Since joining the fruit industry I have learnt to work in the week number rather than the date – fruit industry people love to refer to what happened in week such and such. Then along comes 2016 – since 1 January 2016 occurred on a Friday most diaries used that as week 1 of 2016; BUT most fruit industry calendars referred to that as week 53 of 2015 – and only started week 1 on Monday 4 January. So according to my diary we are now in week 21; while according to AgriHUB and PPECB we are in week 20. To avoid confusion the table below now contains the date rather than the week number.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

The Navel Focus Group met this week and reduced their projection by 100 000 cartons. The Soft Citrus Focus Group met yesterday and did exactly the opposite – raising the projection by 100 000 cartons. Satsuma's are basically done and dusted – with 1 853 490 cartons packed; slightly above the 1 804 607 estimate. Soft citrus focus now turns to clementines with about half of the 2.7 million cartons already packed.

To week end 13/5/16 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2014	2015	2016	2015	2016	2016	2016	2015
Grapefruit	5.4 m	4.9 m	2.8 m	3.7 m	2.4 m	12.4 m	12.3 m	16.1 m
Soft Citrus	2.4 m	2.6 m	3.5 m	2.5 m	3.1 m	11.2 m	11.3 m	10 m
Lemons	3.5 m	4.3 m	5.3 m	4 m	4.9 m	16.1 m	16.1 m	15.1 m
Navels	0.9 m	1.2 m	2.3 m	0.9 m	2.3 m	25.1 m	25 m	24.5 m
Valencia	0.1 m	0.1 m	-	-	-	46.4 m	46.4 m	52.7 m
Total	12.3 m	13.1 m	13.9 m	11.1 m	12.7 m	111.2 m	111.1 m	118.3 m

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