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“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it’s thinking of yourself less” C S Lewis

CARTON INTEGRITY ESSENTIAL FOR LONG HAUL CITRUS EXPORTS

The southern African citrus industry is the leading long haul citrus exporter in the world. Citrus fruit from the tip of Africa is exported to destinations around the globe. Leaving the southern African continent in mid-winter – the fruit arrives in many destinations in the height of hot and humid summer months. Carton design and construction is essential to ensure that the fruit remains undamaged and in excellent eating quality.

Dawid Groenewald of CRI reports as follows: *Some good news. After various discussions with Sappi they have agreed to continue with the testing of our citrus cartons in 2017. As in the past the tests will again be done at Sappi’s costs. As you know this is part of the accreditation process.*

Some other news. Based on the 2016 Sappi SANAS accredited laboratory test results and other CRI assessments the following carton manufacturers were accredited for the 2017 citrus season. In alphabetical order:

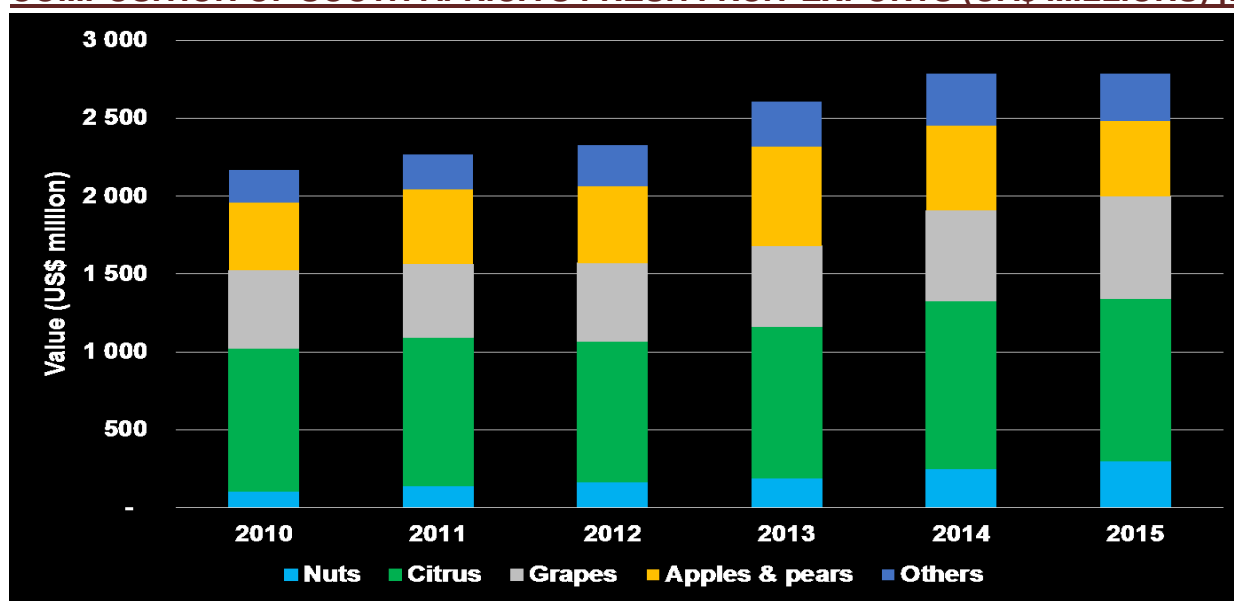
APL Cartons; Corroseal; Houers Koöperatief; Mpact Corrugated; Neopak; New Era Packaging; Sunnypacks.

While discussing cartons a reminder to those who export to send Gloria (gloria@cga.co.za) your carton designs (graphics) for the competition being run in conjunction with the Citrus Summit. Southern African citrus is distinguished by an array of beautifully designed cartons – the top three designs will be showcased at the Citrus Summit (Port Elizabeth 8-9 March 2017 – see www.cga.co.za for more information, and to register). If possible please send three photos that would help the judges – one of the design, a printed carton, and one photo of a number of cartons stacked (palletised would be best).

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It is with great appreciation that CGA confirms Sunkist as a silver sponsorship of the CGA Citrus Summit.

COMPOSITION OF SOUTH AFRICA’S FRESH FRUIT EXPORTS (UA\$ MILLIONS) [AGBIZ]



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