

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (04/17)

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“I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury” Groucho Marx

DAFF PRE SEASON TRAINING AND PPECB PRE SEASON MEETING

It is mandatory for those exporting to the EU (exporters, packhouse managers, cold stores and export agents) to attend DAFF pre-season workshops. After requests from industry, these workshops (which cover citrus export regulations and logistics) will be combined with the PPECB pre-season meetings. The schedule is as follows (all meetings start at 09h00):

REGION	DATE
Marble Hall (Groblersdal Golf Club)	20 February 2017
Musina (Show ground)	21 February 2017
Tzaneen (Country Club)	22 February 2017
Hoedspruit (Angling Club)	23 February 2017
Nelspruit (CRI)	24 February 2017
KZN (UKZN)	28 February 2017
Port Elizabeth (Africanos)	2 March 2017
Western Cape (ARC Infruitec)	6 March 2017
Pretoria (DIS)	To be confirmed

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CRI PACKHOUSE WORKSHOPS

CRI have distributed a reminder about the remaining CRI Packhouse Workshops – Mpumalanga region 14-15 February at Lowveld Country Club, Nelspruit; Swaziland and KZN regions 16-17 February at Blue Waters Hotel, Durban; Eastern Cape region 21-22 February at Mentors Country Estate, Jeffreys Bay; Western Cape region at Allee Bleue, Groot Drakenstein. For the agenda and any other queries please contact liezl@cri.co.za.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT CARTON DESIGN COMPETITION

Exporters of citrus are invited to enter the competition to determine the best carton graphics in the industry – and the three winners will have their cartons exhibited at the CGA Citrus Summit in PE on 8/9 March 2017. With over 600 delegates this will mean great exposure for the brand, carton manufacturer and valuable bragging rights. Please get your entries in before next Friday (17 February 2017) to give the judges time to choose the winner; for more information contact gloria@cga.co.za

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT GALA DINNER

Unprecedented interest in the CGA Citrus Summit has meant that the Gala dinner is now full to capacity – there is simply no more room for additional gala dinner registrations. Those attending the Gala Dinner are in for a treat as “Boet and Swaer” will entertain diners with their unique East Cape humour. Fortunately the Summit venue itself is larger and we are still taking Summit registrations (www.cga.co.za)

ARGENTINEAN LEMON EXPORTS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

In 2008 Argentina exported nearly 400 000 tons of lemons. Due to climatic and other factors this volume dropped to about 250 000 tons for the period 2009 to 2012, before recovering to about 300 000 tons in 2013; and then plummeting to 150 000 tons in 2014. 2016 saw a recovery back to over 250 000 tons; and all indications are that this recovery will continue.

The other citrus segments have not shown such trends: oranges dropped from 150 000 tons in 2008 to just 50 000 tons in 2016, while soft citrus halved from 100 000 to 50 000 tons over the same period. With the disappearance of Argentinean grapefruit in any meaningful volumes, South Africa stands alone in terms of southern hemisphere grapefruit exporters.

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