

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (22/18)

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“The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand” Frank Herbert

PICK ME! – DO YOUR OWN RECRUITMENT

Citrus Academy has taken the initiative to create an online information-sharing platform for job seekers and companies seeking employees. Pick me! lists candidates as either Citrus Academy bursary fund graduates or job seekers with citrus-related qualifications, and asks that interested employers liaise directly with job seekers listed on the website. CV's and additional information can be found at www.citrusacademy.org.za under Pick me!

VARIETY FOCUS GROUPS

All CGA regions are invited to place representatives on the different Variety Focus Groups (VFG's). These VFG's form a strong communication channel between CGA and the regions. The VFG's assist in the compilation of a crop estimate at the beginning of the season, update the estimate with predicted volumes as the season progresses, discuss production and marketing issues relevant to that variety, and address any significant issues facing the variety. Growers are encouraged to communicate with their representatives should there be items of interest or concern. Contact John Edmonds (johned@cga.co.za) for contact details or minutes of meetings held. Generally, the VFG's meet once per month, but this could be more regular should it be required.

Region	Grapefruit	Lemon	Navels	Soft Citrus	Valencia
Letsitele	Jan-Louis Pretorius	Nikolaas Gubitz	Ben Voster	Andrew Cooper	Jan-Louis Pretorius
S.R. Valley	Hannes de Waal	Hannes de Waal	Kevin Terblanche	Erik Stroebe	Deon Joubert
Pongola	Andre Barnard	Antoine Rouillard			
Onderberg	Marinus Neethling				Cornel vd Merwe
Limpopo River	Francois Dilman	Francois Dilman		Kelvin Smit	Kelvin Smit
Oranje Rivier	Liza van Zyl	Jacques Clift		Marius Bester	Andre Spangenberg
Hoedspruit	Kobus van Staden	Gert Bezuidenhout		Johan du Preez	Fanie Meyer
Swaziland	Stuart Geldenhuys				George Brown
Zimbabwe	Paul Bristow				Paul Bristow
Nkwalini	Michael Wafer	Clinton Gray			Michael Wafer
E.C. Midlands		Das de Villiers	Barry Mildenhall	Jock Danckwerts	
Nelspruit		Andrew Muller	Graham Piner	Piet Pretorius	Andrew Muller
Senwes		Peter Pullinger	Hendrik Schoeman	Ista Upton	Marisa van den Heever
S-KZN		Peter Button	Peter Button		
Patensie		Phillip Dempsey	Phillip Dempsey	Martina Odendaal	Tertius Meyer
Boland		Richard Allen	Jaco Burger	Stefan Bruwer	
W. Cape		Boet Mouton	Gabrie Van Eeden	Hendrik Warnich	Stiaan Engelbrecht
GDC		Petros Shiba	Eric Nohamba	Lawrence Mgadle	Samson Qomondi
Vaalharts			Danie Matthewson		

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Variety Focus Groups have met and adjusted the predicted crop for 2018. The hail damage experienced in Mpumalanga is still to be fully assessed – however, a reduction for that region has been included. The predicted volume is now closely tracking the total estimated volume.

To Week 21 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2016	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018	2018	2017
Grapefruit	5.8 m	8 m	7.1 m	5.1 m	4.4 m	16.8 m	16.4 m	15.7 m
Soft Citrus	5.3 m	4.4 m	4.4 m	3.2 m	3.7 m	14.7 m	16.2 m	13.4 m
Lemons	7.1 m	8.2 m	8.6 m	6.3 m	7.2 m	20.6 m	20.3 m	19 m
Navels	6.3 m	4.3 m	3.4 m	2.1 m	2 m	25.7 m	25.3 m	21.1 m
Valencia	0.2 m	0.4 m	0.1 m	-	-	53.9 m	53.2 m	53.8 m
Total	24.7 m	25.3 m	23.6 m	16.7 m	17.3 m	131.7 m	131.4 m	123 m

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