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“The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be” Paul Valery

FOCUS ON LEMONS

COUNTRY	PRODUCTION (T)	EXPORTS (T)	% EXPORTS		COUNTRY	IMPORTS (T)
Argentina	1 678 000	279 000	17%		Russia	209 000
Spain	1 160 000	616 000	53%		Germany	171 000
USA	800 000	112 000	14%		France	151 000
Turkey	750 000	515 000	69%		Saudi Arabia	128 000
China	480 000				Netherlands	126 000
Italy	450 000				Italy	121 000
South Africa	309 000	237 000	77%		Poland	113 000
Chile	135 000	77 000	57%		China	62 000

Source: Fruitrop Magazine December 2018

Figures from 2016/17 show an interesting global lemon picture. Spain, Turkey, South Africa and Chile are all heavily dependent on exports – with over 50% of production being exported. Of the top ten producing countries only China and Italy do not have exports of any significance. Argentina has a large processing component. USA has a big domestic market.

On the import side Russia is a sizable importer. Many EU countries are found in the top ten importers. The Middle East also imports sizeable volumes – much of this routed through Saudi Arabia. China features amongst the top ten producers and top ten importers.

SAVE THE DATE: MAPUTO PORT TOUR AND TOUR OF DP WORLD: 27 MARCH 2019

The CGA in conjunction with DP World will be arranging a guided tour from Nelspruit to Maputo port on Wednesday 27th March 2019. We strongly encourage producers, exporters and logistics agents to seize this opportunity to see first-hand the Komatipoort ICD, rail connectivity, Komatipoort – Ressano Garcia border processes, road network upgrades and the massive investment that has been made by DP World aligned to exporting citrus from Maputo. RSVP Mitchell Brooke – mitchell@cga.co.za

A HEAVY WEEK

All in the citrus industry better get some rest next week – as the week after is going to be pretty busy. On Monday 11th Nick Gutierrez (CGA Representative in USA) and Mikhail Fateev (CGA Representative Russia) will be meeting with a group of growers in the Sundays River; while Rocco Renaldi (CGA Representative EU) will be doing the same in the north. On the same day the pre-Summit tour buses will depart for Patensie and Sundays River.

On Tuesday morning (12/3) the Variety Focus Groups will meet – amongst other business they will finalise a crop estimate for the 2019 season. Then on Tuesday afternoon the Citrus Marketing Forum will meet – to consider the crop estimate and discuss marketing prospects for 2019. By the time Tuesday evening comes all will be ready for a drink and a networking session at the Welcome Function of the CGA Citrus Summit. Wednesday (13/2) will be a day filled with excellent presentations – closing with a Gala Dinner. Thursday morning will be more presentations – concluding the programme with lunch. On Thursday afternoon (14/3), the CGA Board has called a CGA members meeting – open to all citrus growers in eSwatini, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Be prepared for a fulfilling week.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT UPDATE

In just over a week over five hundred delegates will descend on Port Elizabeth for the third CGA Citrus Summit. Please note that on-line registrations will be closed from 5 pm (17h00) on Tuesday 5 March 2019. Registrations can still be made up to the start of the Summit – after Wednesday 6 March this can be done by e-mailing Shelly Crosson shelly@cga.co.za with your details. The programme is now finalised and we have a jam packed two days ahead – to check out the programme go to www.cga.co.za

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