

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (12/19)

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"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters" Solomon Short

THE 2019 CITRUS MARKETING FORUM'S 2019 ESTIMATE UNPACKED

	2019Est.	2019Est.	2019Est.	2019Est.	2019Est.	2019Est.	2019Est.
CGA Region	Valencia (15kg)	Navels (15kg)	Lemons (15kg)	Soft citrus (15kg)	Grapefruit (15kg)	Grapefruit (17kg)	Total Citrus (15kg)
S.R. Valley	6 000 000	6 000 000	10 000 000	1 890 000	278 800	246 000	24 168 800
Senwes	6 900 000	8 000 000	4 600 000	2 590 000	-	-	22 090 000
Letsitele	14 700 000	-	530 000	256 000	5 321 000	4 695 000	20 807 000
W. Cape	3 750 000	6 100 000	725 000	2 947 181	-	-	13 522 181
Hoedspruit	5 600 000	-	1 470 176	296 000	4 352 000	3 840 000	11 718 176
Patensie	1 870 000	3 400 000	950 000	2 784 304	226 667	200 000	9 230 971
Nelspruit	2 075 000	1 011 000	750 000	454 400	-	-	4 290 400
Burgersfort Ohrigstad	250 000	500 000	40 000	1 828 600	-	-	2 618 600
Limpopo River	6 100 000	-	500 000	180 000	1 269 333	1 120 000	8 049 333
Boland	150 000	300 000	850 000	3 625 000	-	-	4 925 000
Onderberg	1 700 000	-	70 000	-	2 708 667	2 390 000	4 478 667
E. Cape Midlands	23 000	720 000	470 000	1 279 675	-	-	2 492 675
Oranje Rivier	448 400	285 000	155 700	172 000	1 277 040	1 126 800	2 338 140
KZN	470 000	240 000	790 000	-	1 037 000	915 000	2 537 000
Other	-	300 000	-	-	145 067	128 000	445 067
RSA	50 036 400	26 856 000	21 900 876	18 303 160	16 615 573	14 660 800	133 712 010
Zimbabwe	2 500 000	-	82 000	-	157 533	139 000	2 739 533
Swaziland	341 000	-	-	-	374 000	330 000	715 000
TOTAL	52 877 400	26 856 000	21 982 876	18 303 160	17 147 107	15 129 800	137 166 543

John Edmonds has released the detail of the Southern African Crop Estimate that was confirmed by export agents, growers and other value chain.

When compared to the actual volumes packed for export in 2018, there is a mixed bag of results. Both grapefruit (-9%) and valencia's (-3%) are down – ascribed to climatic conditions. These estimates come with an explanation that in the event of good, late summer rains, things could change. Those interested are urged to keep sight of the predictions as updated by the Focus Groups during the season.

Soft citrus volumes are up by 13%. Although Satsuma's are down (-2%) all other categories show increased expectations. This is led by late mandarins, increasing by 22% to 8.5 million tons. Clementines show a 9% increase (to 3.1 m), nova 8% (to 3.7 m) and other mandarins increase by 16% to 1 million cartons.

CITRUS PRE-SEASON WORKSHOPS

PPECB and DAFF are holding the pre-season meetings for the 2019 export season across the country. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR EXPORTERS AND PACKHOUSES INTENDING TO EXPORT TO EU. Meetings are as follows: * Groblersdal 25/3 Raasblaar 10h00-13h30 *Tzaneen 26/3 Country Lodge 10h00-13h30 *Hoedspruit 27/3 Blue Mountain Restaurant 10h00-13h30 *Nelspruit 28/3 Venue TBA 10h00-13h30 *Durban 2/4 The Jewish Club 09h00-14h30 *Western Cape 5/4 Stellenbosch Venue TBA 10h00-12h00.

CGA GROUP OF COMPANIES (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY & CITRUS ACADEMY) ARE FUNDED BY THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS