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“Trust, but verify” Russian proverb (used extensively by President Reagan)

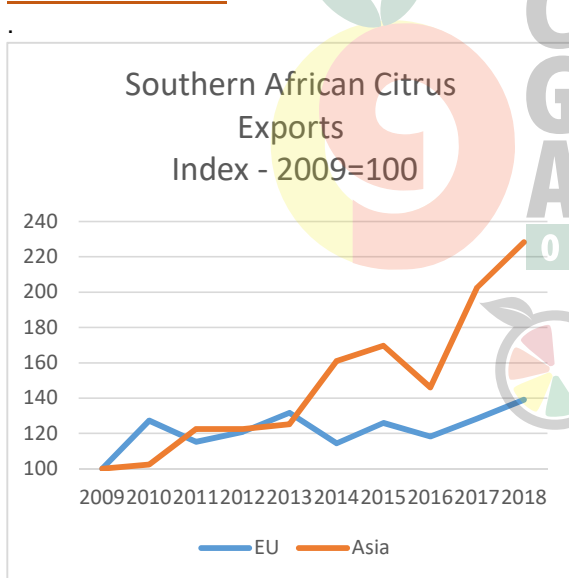
AUDIT ON THE APPLICATION OF THE FALSE CODLING MOTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (FMS) ON CITRUS INTENDED FOR EXPORT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

The National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA) will commence with audits on the various control points of the citrus FMS e.g. production units, pack houses, cold storage/ loading facilities and the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB).

The objective of the audit is to verify whether the national application of the citrus FMS at the above mentioned control points is in accordance with the provisions of the FMS document. The audits will resume in the month of June 2019 until the end of the season. The project leadership is as follows:

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FOCUS ON ASIA



At the turn of the century the CGA Directors realized that growth in the industry depended on gaining and optimizing access to markets in Asia. This as a result of stagnant demand in the European Union, and unnecessary phytosanitary barriers to trade and illogical private standards in that market. Although the EU remains the primary market for southern African citrus with over 40% of exports destined for that market, the growth in exports to Asia has allowed the industry to continue on an upward growth path. Taking 2009 as the base year – exports to Asia have more than doubled, while exports to the EU have increased by about 40%. The growth in Asia has been spearheaded by heavy volume increases into China. As the industry looks forward to large volume increases in the next five years, it is Asia that is targeted to absorb a big percentage of this growth.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

The Valencia and Navel Focus Group held a joint meeting this last week. The Navel Focus Group dropped the predicted crop further – now at 2.5 million cartons below the initial estimate (9% down), and the lowest level in the past three years. This has been a trend through all variety focus groups, other than soft citrus.

Million 15 Kg Cartons to end Week 25	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AgriHub	2017	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019	2019	2018
Grapefruit	12.7 m	14.5 m	12.6 m	10.9 m	10.5 m	17.1 m	15.5 m	18.8 m
Soft Citrus	7.4 m	8.3 m	8.4 m	6.7 m	6.7 m	18.3 m	18.3 m	16.2 m
Lemons	13 m	12 m	12.3 m	10.5 m	9.9 m	22 m	21.4 m	19.9 m
Navels	12.7 m	14.3 m	11.4 m	9.2 m	7.2 m	26.9 m	24.5 m	26.7 m
Valencia	5.3 m	2.3 m	2.3 m	0.7 m	0.8 m	52.9 m	51.8 m	54.4 m
Total	51.1 m	51.4 m	47 m	38 m	35.1 m	137.2 m	131.5 m	136 m

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