

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (27/19)

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“ If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants” Isaac Newton

JUNE – YOUTH MONTH

Congratulations to Wayne Mansfield, who farms citrus at Suid Agter Paarl in the Western Cape for winning the prestigious Agricultural Excellence Award: Commercial. Wayne has been supported by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and CGA Grower Development Company (CGA GDC). CGA Director Vangi Titi and CGA GDC General Manager Lukhanyo Nkombisa were at the ceremony to congratulate Wayne.

As Youth Month (June) drew to a close it is worth looking at the contributions made by the citrus industry (through the work of the Citrus Academy) in the youth development space. Of the 345 delegates who attended the fifteen Citrus Production Short Course, 181 (52%) were under the age of 35. Since 2014, eighteen learners have completed a Citrus Business Management Learnership. Looking at the bursary fund – the Citrus Academy has disbursed R20 730 967 between 2006 and 2018; benefitting just under 300 students. The Citrus Academy believes in student care – and provides so much more than just funding. Over this period the Citrus Academy provided 67 learnerships, affected 18 graduate placements, found vacation work for 106 students, presented a Ready, Steady, Work program to 42 students and provided 140 students with industry exposure through attending industry events such as conferences and trade shows.

CITRUS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SHORT COURSE

The Citrus Business Administration short course is ideal for anyone involved in the citrus production system who are looking to improve their skills in financial accounting (including budgeting), stock management, human resource management, production management and marketing. The course is aimed at giving attendants a solid understanding of these aspects, which will help them to perform better in their current positions, and open opportunities for career advancement. The course forms a springboard for the Citrus Business Management e-learning programme, which leads to a full qualification.

The Citrus Business Administration short course is aligned to five unit standards on NQF level 2, which means that the course can lead to registered credits, providing that you undertake the optional assessment. The course is presented by a registered learning provider, Scientific Roets. For more information, please go onto the citrus academy website on <https://citrusacademy.org.za/learning-events/citrus-short-courses/business-administration-short-course> or contact Sive Silo on 031 765 33412/ sive@citrusacademy.org.za

CRI INTEGRATED PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP 2019

CRI will be presenting their two-day workshop covering pest and disease management. Registration and payment can be made directly on the website www.cri.co.za>Workshop Registrations>IPM & Disease Management Workshop 2019: **LIMPOPO 1:** Die Eiland Letsitele; 27-28 August/ **LIMPOPO 2:** Loskop Forever Resort, Groblersdal 29-30 August/ **MPUMALANGA:** Kavingo Nelspruit, 3-4 September/ **EASTERN CAPE:** Africanos, Sundays River; 10-11 September 2019/ **WESTERN CAPE:** Allee Bleue, Simondium; 12-13 September.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Million 15 Kg Cartons to end Week 26	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AgriHub	2017	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019	2019	2018
Grapefruit	13.3 m	15.4 m	13.2 m	11.9 m	10.5 m	17.1 m	15.7 m	18.8 m
Soft Citrus	7.8 m	9 m	9.3 m	7.4 m	6.9 m	18.3 m	18.3 m	16.2 m
Lemons	13.9 m	13 m	13.6 m	11.4 m	10.3 m	22 m	21.4 m	19.9 m
Navels	14.3 m	16.5 m	13.5 m	11.7 m	8.2 m	26.9 m	24.5 m	26.7 m
Valencia	7.2 m	4 m	4 m	1 m	1.5 m	52.9 m	51.8 m	54.4 m
Total	56.5 m	57.9 m	53.6 m	43.4 m	37.4 m	137.2 m	131.7 m	136 m

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