

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (30/19)

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“ Many a man who falls in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl”

Evan Esar

ISRAEL NEMOARANI

Israel Nemoarani passed away early on Monday morning 22nd July – our condolences to his family. Israel was a stalwart of the citrus industry – he served on the CGA Board from 2005 to 2013; his fellow Directors recall Israel as a quietly spoken gentleman, who championed the cause of new growers to the industry. Behind that quiet exterior was a brilliant businessman, who built up a number of businesses in nearby Thohoyandou. Israel also served on the Citrus Academy Board from its inception in 2007 until 2014, and provided guidance in the development of the youth in the industry. Israel and his family featured in many CGA publications – and he was very proud of his son and his involvement on the farm. A great man has left us, and he will be missed.

CGA BOARD

2019 marks ten years on the CGA Board for Fanie Meyer (Hoedspruit) and Phillip Dempsey (Patensie). Both are recognised for their contributions to the Board, with Fanie serving for many years on the Executive Committee, on the CRI Board and Citrus Improvement Scheme Advisory Committee (for many years as Chairman); and Phillip on the Citrus Academy Board. The longest serving present CGA Board member is George Hall with an incredible eighteen years of service to his Boland constituency. He is closely followed by Jock Danckwerts (East Cape Midlands) and Per Noddeboe (Swaziland) – both with fifteen years. Others to have served more than ten years are Mike Woodburn (13 years – KZN) and Pieter Nortje (11 years – Sundays River Valley).

CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE – CARBON TAX

This past week CGA Industry Affairs Manager circulated a two page document covering the carbon tax. It is an excellent document for those interested in the subject – if you need a copy please contact Paul ph@cga.co.za.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

The Navel and Valencia Focus Groups met collectively as an Orange Focus Group. Both orange categories dropped their predicted export volumes, both now predicting reductions of about 3 million cartons. The general consensus is that this prediction could be revised downwards in the future. The Lemon Focus Group has also met, with the prediction now tracking the original estimate. The Soft Citrus Focus Group has their prediction slightly above the March estimate.

Million 15 Kg Cartons to end Week 29	Packed 2017	Packed 2018	Packed 2019	Shipped 2018	Shipped 2019	Original Estimate 2019	Latest Prediction 2019	Final Packed 2018
SOURCE: PPECB/AgriHub								
Grapefruit	14.8 m	16.8 m	14.6 m	14.4 m	12.5 m	17.1 m	15.7 m	18.8 m
Soft Citrus	9.5 m	11.3 m	12.4 m	9.8 m	9.6 m	18.3 m	18.8 m	16.2 m
Lemons	16.4 m	15.7 m	17.3 m	14.5 m	13.2 m	22 m	21.9 m	19.9 m
Navels	17.8 m	21 m	17.8 m	18.7 m	13.7 m	26.9 m	24 m	26.7 m
Valencia	15.7 m	11.9 m	12.1 m	7 m	6.5 m	52.9 m	49.8 m	54.4 m
Total	74.2 m	76.7 m	74.2 m	64.4 m	55.5 m	137.2 m	130.2 m	136 m

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