

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (39/20)

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“To encourage a greater sense of responsibility in others, emphasise the anticipation of accomplishment, not the penalties for failure” Roger Crawford

FAREWELL TO LIANE ESCH

Liane joined the CGA over thirteen years ago – as a bookkeeper. At that time CGA had only four staff. Since then the scope and magnitude of work in the finance department has grown enormously, and Liane has just kept going, quietly going about her business in a professional and thorough way. We would like to wish Liane all the best in her retirement, and hope that she and Barry get to enjoy some great travels together in the future.

DAM LEVELS IN CITRUS REGIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

With all export citrus orchards under irrigation, the status of dams in citrus regions at the time of fruit set is important for the 2021 crop. Every week Portia Magwaza, CGA Research Economist, updates the status of these dams (available on www.cga.co.za). Last week's report is given below:

Dam	River	FSC	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Province	CGA Reg
Binfield Dam	Tyume River	36,9	60,1	60,20	59,90	Eastern Cape	E. Cape Midlands
Katrivier Dam	Kat River	24,9	50,1	51,20	56,20	Eastern Cape	E. Cape Midlands
Kouga Dam	Kouga River	126	8,4	8,30	40,30	Eastern Cape	Patensie
Waterdown Dam	Klipplaat River	37,5	28,5	28,30	29,90	Eastern Cape	E. Cape Midlands
Flag Boshielo Dam	Olifants River	185,2	92	93,00	57,80	Limpopo	Marble Hall
Nzhelele Dam	Nzhelele River	51,3	77,9	78,90	60,20	Limpopo	LimpopoRiver
Tzaneen Dam	Groot-Letaba River	156,6	11,4	12,20	9,50	Limpopo	Letsitele
Blyderivierpoort Dam	Blyde River	54,4	79,5	81,20	73,60	Mpumalanga	Hoedspruit
Kwena Dam	Krokodil River	158,7	48,6	50,00	45,20	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit
Loskop Dam	Olifants River	361,6	97,1	98,00	80,10	Mpumalanga	Senwes
Middelburg Dam	Little Olifants River	48,1	86,1	87,20	82,50	Mpumalanga	Senwes
Witbank Dam	Olifants River	104,1	93,2	95,10	83,10	Mpumalanga	Senwes
Gariep Dam	Orange River	4903,5	79,6	80,70	81,50	Free State	Sunday's River
Berg River Dam	Berg River	127,1	100,5	100,70	99,60	Western Cape	Boland
Brandvlei Dam	Lower Brandvlei River	286,1	60,3	57,90	52,90	Western Cape	Boland
Buffeljags Dam	Buffeljags River	4,6	101,7	103,70	83,50	Western Cape	Boland
Clanwilliam Dam	Olifants River	122,5	100,5	100,90	100,90	Western Cape	Western Cape

There are two regions where dam levels are at a critically low level: The Kouga dam that provides water for the Patensie region is at just 8.4% (last year at this time it was at 40.3%). The Tzaneen dam that provides water to the large Letsitele growing region is at 11.4% - after experiencing some early spring rain (slightly up on last year's 9.5%).

Growers are hopeful that forecasters predictions of a La Nina and good summer rainfall come true.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

As John Edmonds, CGA Information Manager, adjusts actual packed figures to reflect the final predicted exports for 2020; the figure is closing in on 150 million cartons.

Million 15 Kg Cartons to end Week 38	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AgriHub	2018	2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	2020	2019
Grapefruit	19.9 m	16.1 m	15.5 m	15.4 m	14.6 m	16.7 m	15.6 m	16.1 m
Soft Citrus	16 m	18.1 m	23.4 m	17.2 m	22.7 m	23.3 m	23.6 m	18.2 m
Lemons	19.4 m	21.8 m	29.2 m	19.1 m	24.3 m	26.4 m	29.4 m	22.1 m
Navels	26.5 m	24.2 m	26.2 m	22.2 m	24 m	26.5 m	27.2 m	24.3 m
Valencia	49.9 m	45.5 m	52.1 m	38.7 m	43 m	50.4 m	53 m	46.8 m
Total	131.7 m	125.7 m	146.4 m	112.1 m	128.6 m	143.3 m	148.8 m	127.5 m

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