

"Every election is determined by the people that show up" Larry Sabato

Vote, Vote, Vote!

Monday is set aside for South Africans to vote for local government representatives. Take that opportunity, and make a difference.

A Green Deal?

This week we were able to observe how the EU Green Deal might actually pan out. It could very well be "complicated and confusing for all parties involved". No one would argue with the objectives of reducing negative impacts on the environment, but the approaches used to achieve these outcomes by EU Regulators is going to make all the difference.

On this occasion, the topic was the ban by France on single-use plastics (SUPs) used for food intended for immediate consumption. (What does immediate consumption actually mean for a retail shopper?) The ban applies to lots presented for sale in French territory of unprocessed fresh fruit and vegetables, regardless of their origin, which are less than 1.5 Kg (unless, of course, the product is temporarily exempt!) Green bananas are in, yellow bananas are out! This ban comes into effect from 1 January 2022. While France is actually following an EU Directive here, and has been proactive, there is no comfort that other Member States have the same interpretation of the EU-wide agreed requirements. Spain will be introducing new laws shortly. Has France now set an inappropriate precedent as far as the reach and scope of this law? And before proper consultation? And then there is the question of how to handle old stocks of packaging, who is going to police the system, what penalties apply if there is non-conformance? Again, this ban comes into effect from 1 January 2022.

But the real concerns are how it will impact on trade patterns. These new rules prejudice suppliers further away from the market. How can one sustainably supply a common market when the requirements differ per country?

Global Citrus Congress

Over two days in November (16 & 17th) the Global Citrus Congress will be taking stock of where the global citrus industry is right now and the direction it's moving in. The Congress will be covering topics such as supply and demand trends, what the future of post-harvest treatment looks like, and the opportunities and challenges in each market. Visit the website to see what's on the agenda: www.citruscongress.com

REMINDERS – Important dates:

2 Nov @9h00: Special Market Registration training webinar. **3 Nov:** Special Market Registration open. **18 Nov @9h00:** DALRRD Annual Citrus Coordinating Meeting. **26 Nov:** Special Market Registrations close.

COVID 19 Vaccinations

Administered in last 24 hours = 182 419; total administered = 22 118 947; Individual vaccinated = 15 078 053 (= 37.89 % of adult population). Source: DoH

Packed and Shipped * Using a combination of PPECB and Agrihub data to account for shipping timing

End of Week 41 Million 15kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2019	2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	2021	2020
Grapefruit (17kg)			15.5 m		15.2 m			
Grapefruit	16.8 m	15.0 m	17.5 m	14.1 m	17.2 m	18.0 m	17.6 m	15.5 m
Soft Citrus	18.2 m	23.7 m	30.9 m	23.6 m	29.3 m	30.5 m	30.8 m	23.6 m
Lemons	22.1 m	28.4 m	31.0 m	27.0 m	29.4 m	30.2 m	30.9 m	29.6 m
Navels	24.3 m	26.0 m	27.2 m	25.2 m	27.2 m*	26.3 m	27.2 m	26.2 m
Valencia	44.0 m	48.9 m	54.8 m	46.3 m	52.3 m*	58.0 m	55.1 m	55.1 m
Total	125.4 m	142.0 m	161.4 m	136.2 m	155.4 m*	163.0 m	161.6 m	150 m

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