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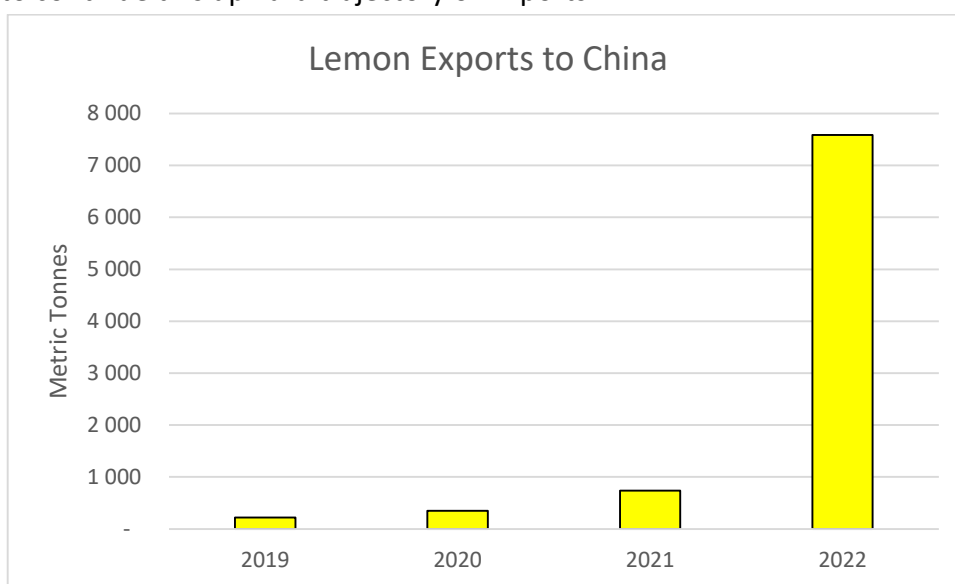
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“Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers” Voltaire

2022 SEASON REVIEW: LEMONS TO CHINA

The 2022 season was the first full season under the new lemon protocol to China. The new shipping temperatures are more acceptable for lemons – lemons being susceptible to cold damage. Although starting from a low base, the large increase in South African lemon exports bodes well for the future. Exporters carrying lemons to China in 2022 commented that the new shipping temperatures meant that fruit arrived in China in excellent condition. Market dynamics for lemons were not ideal for lemons to China in 2022 – but should improve going forward. The ever increasing volume of lemon exports from South Africa need the Chinese market to continue this upward trajectory of imports.



CGA CITRUS SUMMIT: PRE SUMMIT TOURS

The Summit is just over six weeks away, and registrations are starting to stream in. Since many growers and stakeholders are visiting the Eastern Cape from other regions we are organizing pre-Summit tours to allow delegates to enjoy the Eastern Cape hospitality, and particularly visit the Sundays River and Patensie growing areas. Paul Hardman and his organizing team have put on an amazing tour. There will be two groups – one concentrating on Patensie, and the other Sundays River (for more information contact ph@cga.co.za)

Of particular interest will be the visit to the Citrus Foundation Block (CFB). Due to the need for phyto-security very few people can visit this facility (where almost all citrus trees in southern Africa have their origin). CRI have allowed us to showcase the CFB to both tours.

In addition to the CFB, delegates will visit the Coega port, witness a RBX demonstration of sterile moth releases, visit packhouses and orchards in the region.

John Deere have sponsored the tour, and delegates will get to see a demonstration of John Deere’s impressive machinery and equipment. Due to John Deere’s sponsorship delegates only pay R2 000 (plus VAT) for accommodation, meals and transport. There are only 30 places in each tour so register now or miss out. The tours depart from Boardwalk hotel at 09h30 on Monday 13/3 and return in time for the Welcome Function.

