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| |  | | --- | | CGA_Eng_Fax_logo_72  ***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (22/18)***  **(Follow me on Twitter justchad\_cga)**  *Justin Chadwick 1 June 2018* | |  |   ***“The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand” Frank Herbert***  **PICK ME! – DO YOUR OWN RECRUITMENT**  Citrus Academy has taken the initiative to create an online information-sharing platform for job seekers and companies seeking employees. Pick me! lists candidates as either Citrus Academy bursary fund graduates or job seekers with citrus-related qualifications, and asks that interested employers liaise directly with job seekers listed on the website. CV's and additional information can be found at [www.citrusacademy.org.za](http://www.citrusacademy.org.za) under Pick me!  **VARIETY FOCUS GROUPS**  All CGA regions are invited to place representatives on the different Variety Focus Groups (VFG’s). These VFG’s form a strong communication channel between CGA and the regions. The VFG’s assist in the compilation of a crop estimate at the beginning of the season, update the estimate with predicted volumes as the season progresses, discuss production and marketing issues relevant to that variety , and address any significant issues facing the variety. Growers are encouraged to communicate with their representatives should there be items of interest or concern. Contact John Edmonds ([johne@cga.co.za](mailto:johne@cga.co.za)) for contact details or minutes of meetings held. Generally, the VFG’s meet once per month, but this could be more regular should it be required.   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Region** | **Grapefruit** | **Lemon** | **Navels** | **Soft Citrus** | **Valencia** | | **Letsitele** | Jan-Louis Pretorius | Nikolaas Gubitz | Ben Voster | Andrew Cooper | Jan-Louis Pretorius | | **S.R. Valley** | Hannes de Waal | Hannes de Waal | Kevin Terblanche | Erik Stroebel | Deon Joubert | | **Pongola** | Andre Barnard | Antoine Rouillard |  |  |  | | **Onderberg** | Marinus Neethling |  |  |  | Cornel vd Merwe | | **Limpopo River** | Francois Dilman | Francois Dilman |  | Kelvin Smit | Kelvin Smit | | **Oranje Rivier** | Liza van Zyl | Jacques Clift |  | Marius Bester | Andre Spangenberg | | **Hoedspruit** | Kobus van Staden | Gert Bezuidenhout |  | Johan du Preez | Fanie Meyer | | **Swaziland** | Stuart Geldenhuys |  |  |  | George Brown | | **Zimbabwe** | Paul Bristow |  |  |  | Paul Bristow | | **Nkwalini** | Michael Wafer | Clinton Gray |  |  | Michael Wafer | | **E.C. Midlands** |  | Das de Villiers | Barry Mildenhall | Jock Danckwerts |  | | **Nelspruit** |  | Andrew Muller | Graham Piner | Piet Pretorius | Andrew Muller | | **Senwes** |  | Peter Pullinger | Hendrik Schoeman | Ista Upton | Marisa van den Heever | | **S-KZN** |  | Peter Button | Peter Button |  |  | | **Patensie** |  | Phillip Dempsey | Phillip Dempsey | Martina Odendaal | Tertius Meyer | | **Boland** |  | Richard Allen | Jaco Burger | Stefan Bruwer |  | | **W. Cape** |  | Boet Mouton | Gabrie Van Eeden | Hendrik Warnich | Stiaan Engelbrecht | | **GDC** |  | Petros Shiba | Eric Nohamba | Lawrence Mgadle | Samson Qomondi | | **Vaalharts** |  |  | Danie Matthewson |  |  |   **PACKED AND SHIPPED**  Variety Focus Groups have met and adjusted the predicted crop for 2018. The hail damage experienced in Mpumalanga is still to be fully assessed – however, a reduction for that region has been included. The predicted volume is now closely tracking the total estimated volume.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | To Week 21  Million 15 Kg Cartons | Packed | Packed | Packed | Shipped | Shipped | Original Estimate | Latest  Prediction | Final Packed | | **SOURCE: PPECB** | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2017 | | Grapefruit | 5.8 m | 8 m | 7.1 m | 5.1 m | 4.4 m | 16.8 m | **16.4 m** | 15.7 m | | Soft Citrus | 5.3 m | 4.4 m | 4.4 m | 3.2 m | 3.7 m | 14.7 m | 16.2 m | 13.4 m | | Lemons | 7.1 m | 8.2 m | 8.6 m | 6.3 m | 7.2 m | 20.6 m | 20.3 m | 19 m | | Navels | 6.3 m | 4.3 m | 3.4 m | 2.1 m | 2 m | 25.7 m | **25.3 m** | 21.1 m | | Valencia | 0.2 m | 0.4 m | 0.1 m | - | - | 53.9 m | **53.2 m** | 53.8 m | | **Total** | **24.7 m** | **25.3 m** | **23.6 m** | **16.7 m** | **17.3 m** | **131.7 m** | **131.4 m** | **123 m** |   **CGA GROUP OF COMPANIES (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY & CITRUS ACADEMY) ARE FUNDED BY SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS** |