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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (9/19)***  **(Follow me on Twitter justchad\_cga)**  *Justin Chadwick 1 March 2019*  *[there goes February]* |  | | | ***“The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be” Paul Valery*** | | | **FOCUS ON LEMONS**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **COUNTRY** | **PRODUCTION (T)** | **EXPORTS (T)** | **% EXPORTS** |  | **COUNTRY** | **IMPORTS (T)** | | Argentina | 1 678 000 | 279 000 | 17% |  | Russia | 209 000 | | Spain | 1 160 000 | 616 000 | 53% |  | Germany | 171 000 | | USA | 800 000 | 112 000 | 14% |  | France | 151 000 | | Turkey | 750 000 | 515 000 | 69% |  | Saudi Arabia | 128 000 | | China | 480 000 |  |  |  | Netherlands | 126 000 | | Italy | 450 000 |  |  |  | Italy | 121 000 | | South Africa | 309 000 | 237 000 | 77% |  | Poland | 113 000 | | Chile | 135 000 | 77 000 | 57% |  | China | 62 000 |   *Source: Fruitrop Magazine December 2018*  Figures from 2016/17 show an interesting global lemon picture. Spain, Turkey, South Africa and Chile are all heavily dependent on exports – with over 50% of production being exported. Of the top ten producing countries only China and Italy do not have exports of any significance. Argentina has a large processing component. USA has a big domestic market.  On the import side Russia is a sizable importer. Many EU countries are found in the top ten importers. The Middle East also imports sizeable volumes – much of this routed through Saudi Arabia. China features amongst the top ten producers and top ten importers.  **SAVE THE DATE: MAPUTO PORT TOUR AND TOUR OF DP WORLD: 27 MARCH 2019**  The CGA in conjunction with DP World will be arranging a guided tour from Nelspruit to Maputo port on Wednesday 27th March 2019. We strongly encourage producers, exporters and logistics agents to seize this opportunity to see first-hand the Komatipoort ICD, rail connectivity, Komatipoort – Ressano Garcia border processes, road network upgrades and the massive investment that has been made by DP World aligned to exporting citrus from Maputo. RSVP Mitchell Brooke – [mitchell@cga.co.za](mailto:mitchell@cga.co.za)  **A HEAVY WEEK**  All in the citrus industry better get some rest next week – as the week after is going to be pretty busy. On Monday 11th Nick Gutierrez (CGA Representative in USA) and Mikhail Fateev (CGA Representative Russia) will be meeting with a group of growers in the Sundays River; while Rocco Renaldi (CGA Representative EU) will be doing the same in the north. On the same day the pre-Summit tour buses will depart for Patensie and Sundays River.  On Tuesday morning (12/3) the Variety Focus Groups will meet – amongst other business they will finalise a crop estimate for the 2019 season. Then on Tuesday afternoon the Citrus Marketing Forum will meet – to consider the crop estimate and discuss marketing prospects for 2019. By the time Tuesday evening comes all will be ready for a drink and a networking session at the Welcome Function of the CGA Citrus Summit. Wednesday (13/2) will be a day filled with excellent presentations – closing with a Gala Dinner. Thursday morning will be more presentations – concluding the programme with lunch.  On Thursday afternoon (14/3), the CGA Board has called a CGA members meeting – open to all citrus growers in eSwatini, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Be prepared for a fulfilling week.  **CGA CITRUS SUMMIT UPDATE**  In just over a week over five hundred delegates will descend on Port Elizabeth for the third CGA Citrus Summit. Please note that on-line registrations will be closed from 5 pm (17h00) on Tuesday 5 March 2019. Registrations can still be made up to the start of the Summit – after Wednesday 6 March this can be done by e-mailing Shelly Crosson [shelly@cga.co.za](mailto:shelly@cga.co.za) with your details. The programme is now finalised and we have a jam packed two days ahead – to check out the programme go to [www.cga.co.za](http://www.cga.co.za)  **CGA GROUP OF COMPANIES (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY,**  **CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY & CITRUS ACADEMY) ARE FUNDED BY THE**  **SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS** | | |  | | |  | | |