***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (41/19)***

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| ***“The follies which a man regrets most in his life, are those which he didn’t commit when he had the opportunity” Helen Rowland*** |

**CGA WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BULLETINS**

Through strategic planning sessions and the day-to-day interaction with CGA members the topic of “water” has emerged as a key issue facing many citrus growers. This is not simply about having sufficient quantities of water, but having access to good quality freshwater for citrus production on a sustainable basis. CGA have put together five bulletins that address key areas relating to water and which highlight good practice pathways. These themes tie in with the SIZA environmental Standards. Compiled by Blue North for CGA and with inputs from CRI, the purpose of the bulletins is to create a baseline knowledge from which further engagement can take place. The hope is that real solutions become evident on farms and robust discussions can then be had with trading partners. As the bulletins are release over the next few weeks, there will also be an opportunity to engage the authors as Best Practices are identified. The sessions will take place alongside upcoming Carbon Foot printing workshop in/near citrus regions. Should you be interested in attending please email Paul Hardman at ph@cga.co.za. Workshop dates: Loskopdam – 16th, Nelspruit – 17th, Citrusdal – 23rd, Ceres – 24th and Patense – 7th Nov.

**CITRUS STATISTICS**

For this weeks’ newsletters I extracted some of the statistics on the lime/lemon trade – comparing 2017 (latest data) with 2012. This shows the fastest growing and the fastest declining global trade flows:

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| **Fastest Growing** | **%** | **Fastest Declining** | **%** |
| Netherlands to Germany | +55% | Argentina to Netherlands | -9% |
| Chile to USA | +25% | Mexico to Netherlands | -8% |
| South Africa to Hong Kong | +19% | Argentina to Greece | -6.5% |
| South Africa to Kuwait | +17% | Mexico to USA | -6% |
| USA to South Korea | +16% | Turkey to Ukraine | -4% |

Netherlands export to Germany are re-exports, which reflect some difficulties with the data. Other changes reflect phytosanitary challenges, adverse climatic conditions, political impact and trade agreements

**ANNUAL CITRUS COORDINATING MEETING**

Reminder: Annual Coordinating meeting has been changed to **Wednesday 13 November 2019 from 09h00 to 13h00,** Nelspruit area – venue will be communicated when finalised.

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