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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | ***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (30/18)***  **(Follow me on Twitter justchad\_cga)**  *Justin Chadwick 27 July 2018* |  | |  | | |   ***“Rogues are preferable to imbeciles because they sometimes take a rest” Alexandre Dumas***  **GRAPEFRUIT EXPORTS TO CHINA**  With a few more weeks of grapefruit shipping to go, China is proving to be a good volume destination for South African product. Year to date shipments (2.4 million cartons) are already almost double the final 2017 volumes (1.4 million cartons) – and well ahead of 2016’s drought affected 900 000 cartons.    **SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE DATA**  The CGA Information Manager, John Edmonds, has analysed the data collected by SHAFFE on southern hemisphere citrus shipping. Some of the graphs are presented below.      CGA members can get the full reports from John [johne@cga.co.za](mailto:johne@cga.co.za)  **PACKED AND SHIPPED**  Slight adjustments were made to the lemon, navel and Valencia predictions. For lemons the Sundays River crop is looking shorter than originally anticipated, and the prediction has been reduced by 400 000 cartons. Valencia prediction has also been reduced from 53.1 m to 51.7 m cartons. Conversely, with Senwes experiencing good navel harvesting the navel prediction has been increased by 700 000 cartons. Now back at original estimate.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | To Week 29  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 | 12.8 m | 14.8 m | 16.8 m | 12.6 m | 14.6 m | 16.8 m | 17.9 m | 15.7 m | | Soft Citrus | 9.3 m | 9.4 m | 11.1 m | 8.4 m | 9.7 m | 14.7 m | 16.6 m | 13.4 m | | Lemons | 12.8 m | 16.4 m | 15.7 m | 14.7 m | 14.3 m | 20.6 m | **19.9 m** | 19 m | | Navels | 22.1 m | 17.8 m | 20.8 m | 15.9 m | 18.2 m | 25.7 m | **25.3 m** | 21.1 m | | Valencia | 13.4 m | 16.3 m | 11.3 m | 9.1 m | 5.2 m | 53.9 m | **51.7 m** | 53.8 m | | **Total** | **70.4 m** | **74.7 m** | **75.7 m** | **60.7 m** | **62 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** |