

“Confidence isn’t thinking you’re better than anyone else, it’s realising that you have no reason to compare yourself to anyone else” Maryam Hasnaa

NEW APPOINTMENTS AT THE CGA

Over the past few months CGA has interviewed candidates for two positions as Market Access Liaison Officers. In 2023 the CGA Board resolved to introduce these two positions to strengthen CGA’s role in the diplomatic/political side of market access. The CGA invests heavily in research and technical aspects of market access (through the Citrus Research Trust), but it is in the political area that market access applications and progress sometimes gets stuck. These two positions would support Deon Joubert (USA and EU) and myself (Asia, East Europe and Middle East) in the work we do. The position are also part of succession planning for the future. As such, the two posts would be involved initially in desk-type research, while building up a network and abilities over time.

One of these posts has been filled, with Jana Janse van Rensburg having started on 1 July 2024.

In her CV Jana states: *I have a great interest in international law and made it part of my academic background since the beginning of my legal studies. Agricultural trading business has become a focus point during my education and compliments my passion for the farming industry in exports as well as the need and urgency for food security. I am currently an LLD postgraduate student at the University of Pretoria. My aim is to make a positive legal impact through my dual research by identifying concerns in the export of produce (using citrus as an example) and innovate a possible solution for better market access for the farming industry of South Africa.*

The CGA warmly welcomes Jana and we look forward to the immense value she will add to the CGA.

The second post will be filled by Amy Grundling in the middle of August. Amy is presently an intern at the World Trade Organisation in Geneva.

In her CV Amy states: *As an Agricultural Economist, I understand the significant role agriculture plays in the South African economy. Consequently, I am presently engaged in researching the impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area on the South African fruit industry while concurrently completing my internship at the World Trade Organization (WTO). Throughout my academic and professional journey, I have participated in numerous projects that have equipped me with essential skills such as research, project management, and data analysis.*

The CGA is looking forward to warmly welcome Amy in August, and the significant contributions she can make to our team.

CITRUS ACADEMY SHORT COURSE SURVEY

The Citrus Academy have had requests from various regions for citrus short courses. Please complete the survey on the link below to indicate which courses we should arrange for your region. <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/upCUqj>

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PACKED AND SHIPPED

Inclement weather over the past two weeks has meant further reduction in predicted orange volumes for 2024. The freezing weather in Senwes (Marble Hall and Groblersdal) has meant that the navel estimate in that region has been reduced by 600 000 cartons and the Valencia volumes by one million cartons. The Western Cape (Citrusdal) is still assessing the impact of recent flooding, while the Eastern Cape has been impacted by high winds. The Orange Focus Group will meet next week to update their prediction.

End of Week 28 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2022	2023	2024	2023	2024	2024	2024	2023	2024
Grapefruit	15.2 m	12 m	12.6 m	11.1 m	11.1 m	16.8 m	14.9 m	14.7 m	16.2 m
Mandarins	19.4 m	22.7 m	22.2 m	17.9 m	16.8 m	43 m	42.7 m	38 m	39.6 m
Lemons	28.3 m	30.7 m	28.1 m	27.2 m	23.1 m	37.9 m	35.1 m	35.6 m	39 m
Navels	19.8 m	17.2 m	15.4 m	13.3 m	11.6 m	25.7 m	21 m	24.8 m	22.3 m
Valencia	9.7 m	11.8 m	9.9 m	7.4 m	4.9 m	58.3 m	53.3 m	52 m	55.4 m
Total	92.4 m	94.4 m	88.2 m	76.9 m	67.5 m	181.7m	167 m	165.1 m	172.5 m

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