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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | ***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (10/19)***  **(Follow me on Twitter justchad\_cga)**  *Justin Chadwick 8 March 2019* |  | | | ***“Everyone should have their mind blown once a day” Neil Degrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist and author*** | | | **SOUTH AFRICAN CITRUS EARNINGS HIT THE R 20 BILLION MARK IN 2018**  John Edmonds (CGA Information Manager) is busy finalizing the 2019 Key Industry Statistics book. This includes information on citrus industry earnings in 2018. On the local market volumes increased by 10 000 tonnes (from 140 to 150 000 tonnes) with earnings increasing from R647 million to R679 million. Processed volumes increased from 428 000 tonnes to 657 000 tonnes, resulting in income increasing from R479 million to R671 million. Export volumes increased by almost 200 000 tons (from 1.8 to 2 million tons) resulting in a growth of earnings from R17.7 billion to R18.9 billion. Total industry earnings increased from R19.3 billion to R20.8 billion.  Compared to 2018, export earnings in the orange sector increased from R10.2 to R10.9 billion, grapefruit from R1.9 billion to R2.5 billion and soft citrus from R3.1 billion to R3.7 billion. Lemons showed a marked decrease in earnings from R4.2 billion to R3.7 billion.  **FOCUS ON SOFT CITRUS**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **COUNTRY** | **PRODUCTION (T)** | **EXPORTS (T)** | **% EXPORTS** |  | **COUNTRY** | **IMPORTS (T)** | | China | 19 300 000 | 587 000 | 3% |  | Russia | 638 000 | | Spain | 2 367 000 | 1 376 000 | 58% |  | Germany | 375 000 | | Morocco | 1 278 000 | 493 000 | 39% |  | France | 354 000 | | Turkey | 1 060 000 | 711 000 | 67% |  | UK | 282 000 | | USA | 1 033 000 |  |  |  | USA | 274 000 | | Brazil | 965 000 |  |  |  | Netherlands | 183 000 | | Japan | 944 000 |  |  |  | Iraq | 177 000 | | South Korea | 635 000 |  |  |  | Ukraine | 133 000 | | Italy | 630 000 |  |  |  |  |  | | Pakistan | 590 752 | 350 000 | 59% |  |  |  | | Peru | 407 986 | 143 000 | 35% |  |  |  | | South Africa | 288 796 | 202 000 | 70% |  |  |  | | Greece | 175 000 | 92 000 | 53% |  |  |  | | Israel | 160 328 | 120 000 | 75% |  |  |  | | Chile | 160 000 | 117 000 | 73% |  |  |  |   *Source: Fruitrop Magazine December 2018 and FAO*  Figures from 2016/17 show an interesting global soft citrus picture. The largest producer, China, has minimal exports, as do USA, Brazil, Japan, South Korea and Italy. The US appetite for soft citrus has resulted in a burgeoning industry, with almost all production consumed domestically. The South Korean volumes are all produced on the beautiful Jeju Island – this small island is 73 Km long and 31 Km wide and is wall to wall soft citrus. Spain, Turkey, Pakistan, South Africa, Greece, Israel and Chile are all heavily dependent on exports – with over 50% of production being exported. Morocco and Peru export over a third of their production.  On the import side Russia is a sizable importer. Many EU countries are found in the top ten importers. The USA also imports sizeable quantities during their summer.  **CGA CITRUS SUMMIT UPDATE**  In the past week a further fifty delegates took advantage of the last few days of on line registrations. It is now possible to register by contacting Shelly [shelly@cga.co.za](mailto:shelly@cga.co.za) . Pre-Summit Tours and the Gala Dinner are both booked out.  See you next week in Port Elizabeth.  **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** | | |  | | |  | | |