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***“The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand” Frank Herbert*****PICK ME! – DO YOUR OWN RECRUITMENT**Citrus Academy has taken the initiative to create an online information-sharing platform for job seekers and companies seeking employees. Pick me! lists candidates as either Citrus Academy bursary fund graduates or job seekers with citrus-related qualifications, and asks that interested employers liaise directly with job seekers listed on the website. CV's and additional information can be found at [www.citrusacademy.org.za](http://www.citrusacademy.org.za) under Pick me!**VARIETY FOCUS GROUPS**All CGA regions are invited to place representatives on the different Variety Focus Groups (VFG’s). These VFG’s form a strong communication channel between CGA and the regions. The VFG’s assist in the compilation of a crop estimate at the beginning of the season, update the estimate with predicted volumes as the season progresses, discuss production and marketing issues relevant to that variety , and address any significant issues facing the variety. Growers are encouraged to communicate with their representatives should there be items of interest or concern. Contact John Edmonds (johne@cga.co.za) for contact details or minutes of meetings held. Generally, the VFG’s meet once per month, but this could be more regular should it be required.

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| **Region** | **Grapefruit** | **Lemon** | **Navels** | **Soft Citrus** | **Valencia** |
| **Letsitele** | Jan-Louis Pretorius | Nikolaas Gubitz | Ben Voster | Andrew Cooper | Jan-Louis Pretorius |
| **S.R. Valley** | Hannes de Waal | Hannes de Waal | Kevin Terblanche | Erik Stroebel | Deon Joubert |
| **Pongola** | Andre Barnard | Antoine Rouillard |   |   |   |
| **Onderberg** | Marinus Neethling |   |   |   | Cornel vd Merwe |
| **Limpopo River** | Francois Dilman | Francois Dilman |   | Kelvin Smit | Kelvin Smit |
| **Oranje Rivier** | Liza van Zyl | Jacques Clift |   | Marius Bester | Andre Spangenberg |
| **Hoedspruit** | Kobus van Staden | Gert Bezuidenhout |   | Johan du Preez | Fanie Meyer |
| **Swaziland** | Stuart Geldenhuys |   |   |   | George Brown |
| **Zimbabwe** | Paul Bristow |   |   |   | Paul Bristow |
| **Nkwalini** | Michael Wafer | Clinton Gray |   |   | Michael Wafer |
| **E.C. Midlands** |   | Das de Villiers | Barry Mildenhall | Jock Danckwerts |   |
| **Nelspruit** |   | Andrew Muller | Graham Piner | Piet Pretorius | Andrew Muller |
| **Senwes** |   | Peter Pullinger | Hendrik Schoeman | Ista Upton | Marisa van den Heever |
| **S-KZN** |   | Peter Button  | Peter Button  |   |   |
| **Patensie** |   | Phillip Dempsey | Phillip Dempsey | Martina Odendaal | Tertius Meyer |
| **Boland** |   | Richard Allen | Jaco Burger | Stefan Bruwer |   |
| **W. Cape** |   | Boet Mouton | Gabrie Van Eeden | Hendrik Warnich | Stiaan Engelbrecht |
| **GDC** |   | Petros Shiba | Eric Nohamba | Lawrence Mgadle | Samson Qomondi |
| **Vaalharts**  |   |   | Danie Matthewson |   |   |

**PACKED AND SHIPPED**Variety Focus Groups have met and adjusted the predicted crop for 2018. The hail damage experienced in Mpumalanga is still to be fully assessed – however, a reduction for that region has been included. The predicted volume is now closely tracking the total estimated volume.

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| To Week 21Million 15 Kg Cartons | Packed  | Packed | Packed | Shipped | Shipped | Original Estimate | LatestPrediction | Final Packed |
| **SOURCE: PPECB** | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Grapefruit | 5.8 m | 8 m | 7.1 m | 5.1 m | 4.4 m | 16.8 m | **16.4 m** | 15.7 m |
| Soft Citrus | 5.3 m | 4.4 m | 4.4 m | 3.2 m | 3.7 m | 14.7 m | 16.2 m | 13.4 m |
| Lemons | 7.1 m | 8.2 m | 8.6 m | 6.3 m | 7.2 m | 20.6 m | 20.3 m | 19 m |
| Navels | 6.3 m | 4.3 m | 3.4 m | 2.1 m | 2 m | 25.7 m | **25.3 m** | 21.1 m |
| Valencia | 0.2 m | 0.4 m | 0.1 m | - | - | 53.9 m | **53.2 m** | 53.8 m |
| **Total** | **24.7 m** | **25.3 m** | **23.6 m** | **16.7 m** | **17.3 m** | **131.7 m** | **131.4 m** | **123 m** |

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