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| |  | | --- | | CGA_Eng_Fax_logo_72  ***FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (40/17)***  **(Follow me on Twitter justchad\_cga)**  *Justin Chadwick 20 October 2017* | |  |   ***“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but in building the new” Socrates***  **2018 – NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL**  At last week’s DAFF meeting the False Codling Moth Risk Management System (FMS) was discussed at length. Presentations covered **why** the FMS is being introduced, and the alternatives should the FMS not work; **what** needs to be done in order to be compliant; and **how** it would be done in terms of registrations, documentation and other administration. There is a lot that needs to be done, and a lot of responsibility on all in the supply chain to do it properly – the alternatives are too ghastly to contemplate.  What is essential is that everybody knows what needs to be done – there is a lot to take in and a lot to understand. DAFF, CGA and PPECB are now going on a roadshow to take the presentations from the Addo meeting out into the regions; **you must attend.** In 2018, compliance to the FMS is mandatory – if you do not comply your fruit will not go to the EU. Dates, times and venues are as follows:  **Nelspruit** CRI Training Room 23 October at 09h00; **Hoedspruit** Hengelklub 24 October at 10h00; **Letsitele** Tzaneen Country Lodge 25 October at 09h00; **Marble Hall** Toitskraal 26 October at 10h00; **Mussina** Municipal Show Ground: Agricultural Hall 27 October at 09h00; **Nkwalini** Farmers Hall 30 October at 09h00 and **Stellenbosch** ARC Infruitec Olive Grove 31 October at 09h00  **SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE EXPORTS 2016**    At the Southern Hemisphere Association of Fresh Fruit Exporters (SHAFFE) meeting in New Orleans the secretariat confirmed South Africa’s status as the biggest volume exporter of fresh fruit from the southern hemisphere.  **TREE CENSUS DATA**  CGA have made it much easier for growers to complete their tree census data. The data collected in the registration process is now fed directly into the tree census – obviating the necessity to complete additional inputs.  To facilitate an accurate and complete tree census of the South African citrus industry as a by-product of the current registration process, please include all orchards under cultivation irrespective of age. This will enable more complete statistics and assist in making more accurate predictions of future growth.  **PACKED AND SHIPPED**   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | To End Week 41  Million 15 Kg Cartons | Packed | Packed | **Packed** | Shipped | **Shipped** | Original Estimate | Latest  Prediction | Final Packed | | **SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB** | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2017 | 2017 | 2016 | | Grapefruit | 16.1 m | 13.8 m | 15.7 m | 13.2 m | 14.2 m | 15.6 m | 15.7 m | 13.8 m | | Soft Citrus | 10 m | 12.2 m | 13.4 m | 11.3 m | 13 m | 13.2 m | 13.4 m | 12.2 m | | Lemons | 15 m | 15 m | 19 m | 14.6 m | 18.8 m | 17.5 m | 19 m | 15 m | | Navels | 24.5 m | 26.2 m | 21.1 m | 25.5 m | 21.1 m | 26.3 m | **21.1 m** | 26.2 m | | Valencia | 52.4 m | 41.6 m | 53.5 m | 39.6 m | 49.3 m | 50.1 m | **53.5 m** | 41.8 m | | Total | 118 m | 108.8 m | 122.7 m | 104.2 m | 116.4 m | 122.7 m | 122.7 m | 109 m |   **THE CGA GROUP OF COMPANIES (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY & CITRUS ACADEMY) ARE FUNDED BY SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS** |