

FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTING CEO (37/21)

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“Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do” Savielly Tartakower (Polish chess player)

AgriBEE Sector Codes

Minister Didiza (DALRRD) has asked enterprises in the agricultural sector to submit information about their current B-BBEE status, as per the requirements of the BBBEE Amendment Act 46 of 2013. This is to enable the AgriBEE Charter Council to report on the state of transformation in the sector. Please submit your B-BBEE status certificate, verification scorecards, or – in the case of qualifying enterprises – sworn affidavits electronically to RudolphA@dalrrd.gov.za, or through the AgriBEE IT Portal at <http://webapps.daff.gov.za/agribee/> before **31 of October 2021**. The problem with the IT portal being unavailable at times has been raised with DALRRD.

World Food Moscow Exhibition (Mikhail Fateev)

The 30th annual World Food Moscow Exhibition was conducted at Crocus City 21-24 September. This exhibition is central for fresh produce in Russia and CIS countries. However, in view of the coronavirus pandemic the exhibition dramatically reduced to almost no exhibitors from foreign countries last year and this year it hosted only about 15-20 per cent of traditional participants of pre-coronavirus era. In the fresh produce sector the only national pavilions were from Turkey, Azerbaijan, Moldova and a very small Egyptian contingent. Also reduced was representation of Russian fruit business companies. From the whole of Africa, I only came across a small stand of Burundi Tea Authority modestly presenting a few samples of teas from Burundi (good tea, by the way!). Because of Covid restrictions on entry of visitors from South Africa, I could not find a single South African guest at the exhibition usually busy with discussions and talks with Russian partners at different stands and around the lavish and popular South African Pavilion. Many Russian fruit business faces could be seen at the exhibition sometimes talking among themselves, but – in my view - more paying tribute to the World Food Moscow tradition.

CGA telephone landline issue

The CGA office has not been able to receive landline calls this week due to Telkom cable problems. We apologise for any confusion and inconvenience (apparently the phone rings, but not on the office side). Please use the alternative contact details on our webpage if you are looking for specific staff.

Upcoming Events

Citrus Sustainability Forum (CSF) - via Zoom (6th October 2021 from 09h00 -11h00). RSVP: Please email ph@cga.co.za.

Citrus Marketing Forum (CMF) meeting has also been set for 12th October 2021 – details to follow.

COVID 19 Vaccination Stats

Key stats are as follows: Administered in last 24 hours = **146 190**; total administered = **17 505 358**; Individuals vaccinated = **12 569 620** (= **32%** of adult population). Source: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/latest-vaccine-statistics/>

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Please note that for 2021 shipped figures for navels and valencias CGA has used a combination of Agrihub and PPECB shipping data. The PPECB data has been added to better reflects the current shipping status of pallets in the system.

End of Week 38 Million 15 Kg Cartons SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
	2019	2020	2021	2020	2021	2021	2021	2020
Grapefruit (17kg)			15.4 m		14.3 m			
Grapefruit	16.8 m	15.0 m	17.5 m	14.0 m	16.2 m	18.0 m	17.6 m	15.5 m
Soft Citrus	18.1 m	23.4 m	30.5 m	22.7 m	28.2 m	30.5 m	30.8 m	23.6 m
Lemons	21.8 m	28.0 m	30.6 m	26.1 m	28.9 m	30.2 m	30.9 m	29.6 m
Navels	24.2 m	26.0 m	27.0 m	24.9 m	26.7 m	26.3 m	27.2 m	26.2 m
Valencia	42.7 m	46.0 m	51.9 m	40.1 m	43.0 m	58.0 m	56.5 m	55.1 m
Total	123.8m	138.4m	157.5m	127.8 m	143.0m	163.0 m	163.0 m	150 m

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