

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (23/22)

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"We herd sheep, we drive cattle, we lead people. Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way." George S Patton

CHINA LIST 2022

Chinese inspections of packhouses and orchards has taken an interesting turn in 2021 and 2022. With COVID making travel difficult the Chinese have turned to live stream inspections. So this is how it works – the industry employs the services of a suitable qualified company (in this case Lucentlands) to assist in the process. While Chinese inspectors sit in Beijing, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) officials accompany representatives from the packhouse/farm as they walk through a virtual inspection. Accompanying the film crew is a suitably qualified interpreter who assists in asking the questions and translating the responses back to the inspectors in China.

This is not a simple task – in many parts of the country internet signals are poor which can cause delays and sometimes the signal drops during inspection. Fortunately, Lucentlands (thanks to Louise Brodie and Dewald Kirsten) have experience from the 2021 process, and they prepare thoroughly beforehand to make sure that the process is completed without issues. Although this is an expensive exercise, it has to be done – otherwise the list of DALRRD approved orchards will not be signed off by the Chinese.

The CGA would like to thank Louise and Dewald – as well as the growers and packhouse managers that took part in the exercise; Newinvest29 near Brits, Molotele packhouse near Hoedspruit, Bergpak near Piketberg and Mowzer Agri orchard near Saron. In addition, thanks to the DALRRD officials, CRI and CGA for ensuring a positive outcome.

The 2022 China list has now been approved and PUC's on the list can now ship to China.

GROWER REGISTRATION

The Citrus Growers Association (CGA) is compiling a register of citrus growers in southern Africa, including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Eswatini and Botswana. Provided that you or your business is an active citrus grower, we would like you to submit your details. It is important to the citrus industry and the CGA to have a membership register as this will enable us to communicate directly with all members about matters of concern, and to ensure that all members in each citrus growing region is able to participate fully in the Association, in particular in electing regional representatives to the CGA board.

Please follow this link to register: <https://cgacomms.com/cgacomms/membership/memberapplication.php>

To complete the registration process you will need the following information:

- Business registration number
- Business VAT number (or tax number for countries other than South Africa)
- Details of a key business contact (the main person to represent your business)
- The details of every PUC (production unit code) linked to your business, including farm name, nearest town, district, CGA region, and hectares per citrus type (some of this information will be populated from existing databases, if available, but please verify its accuracy)

PACKED AND SHIPPED (Please note that due to the unreliability of Agrihub data, shipping figures are excluded)

End of Week 22 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2020	2021	2022	2021	2022	2022	2022	2021
Grapefruit PP (17kg)		1.7 m	2.1 m					
Grapefruit Class1&2 (17kg)		8.3 m	8.1 m					
Grapefruit	9.6 m	11.3 m	11.5 m			16.8 m	15.7 m	17.5 m
Mandarins	7.8 m	8.7 m	8.0 m			34.5 m	34.1 m	30.9 m
Lemons	15.9 m	14.9 m	14.8 m			32.3 m	32.2 m	31.0 m
Navels	7.1 m	7.7 m	4.8 m			28.7 m	27.3 m	27.2 m
Valencia	0.5 m	0.7 m	0.3 m			58.2 m	58.2 m	55.0 m
Total	40.9 m	43.3 m	39.4 m			170.5 m	167.5 m	161.6 m

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