

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (12/22)

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“The day is what you make it! So why not make it a great one?” Steve Schulte

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS – ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF BLACK CITRUS GROWERS PROJECT (JF8/1388)

CLOSING DATE: 30 APRIL 2022: The Citrus Growers Association would like to announce the closing date for the application process in applying for funding and support, under the “Economic Transformation of Black Citrus Growers Programme” (JF8/1388).

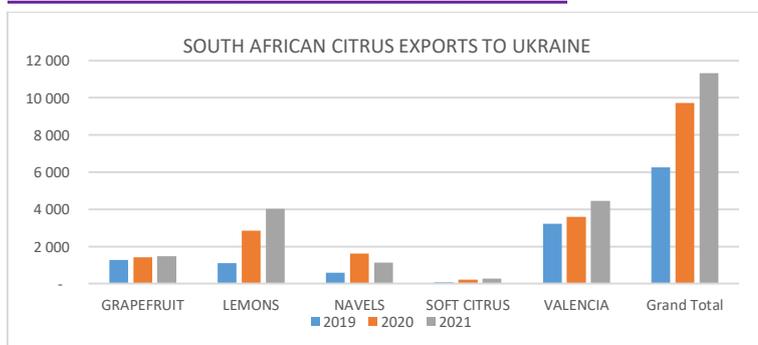
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION PACK SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ONLINE <https://cga-gdc.org.za/jobs-fund-application>

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FOCUS ON EXPORTS FROM MAPUTO PORT FOR 2022 (Mitchell Brooke)

A renewed focus on exporting citrus from Maputo during 2022 is fast taking shape. Most described developments in Maputo to be likened to the ‘chicken or the egg’ scenario, should growers wait for the ships, or should shipping lines wait for the cargo. Well it seems as though the chicken has arrived and the egg has hatched. A number of growers and their export agents have committed to a number of containers a week enticing CMA CGM to place a ship a week. Reefer containers are already on the ground, passed by PPECB waiting to load. The immediate focus is on exports to Far East countries that do not require cold treatment or precooling as the containers will be packed ambient from a facility in Maputo. Efforts are underway to possibly ship cold treatment containers to China as well this year – a DALLRD approved inspection point is being prepared as well as PPECB approval of a cold treatment facility in Malelane – this to be preapproved by Chinese authorities first. At the start limited containers are being planned for 2022, but should the system work it could pave the way for more exports later in the year and be the stepping stone for future expansion of the Maputo corridor. For more information contact either Dawie Scholtz dawie@maputoft.com and/or John McDonald DBA.JMACDONALD@cma-cgm.com.

SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPMENTS TO UKRAINE



Although South African citrus exports to Ukraine over the past three years have been low, there is a significant upward trend in exports to that destination, most noticeably in lemons and valencia oranges. Unfortunately, the conflict in Ukraine has stopped any exports in 2022.

PACKED AND SHIPPED

Lemon packed figures are level pegging with last years with 2,6 million cartons already packed. Grapefruit packed figures are up on 2021 at the same date (74 000 versus 57 000 cartons); while satsuma packed figures show a decrease from 123 000 cartons (2021) to 61 000 cartons (2022). Just 11 000 cartons of navels have been packed to date.

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