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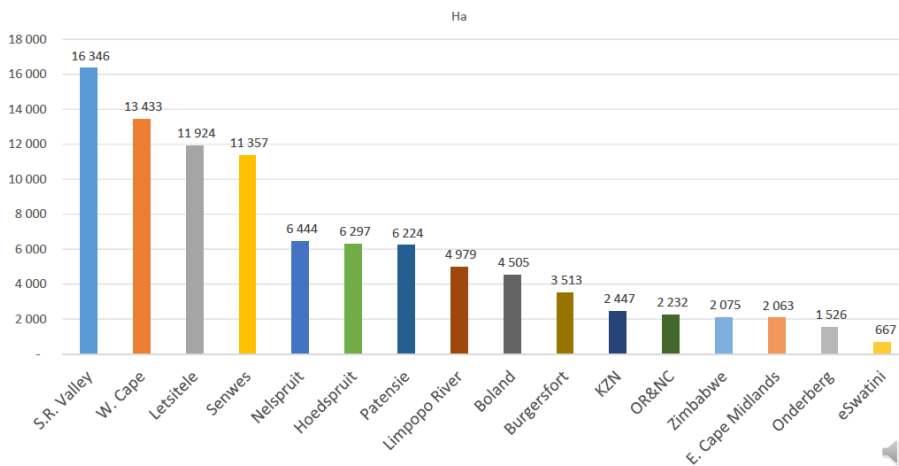
"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change" Charles Darwin

2020 TREE CENSUS: SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO GROW

Paul Hardman recently completed analyzing the tree census from data collected at the end of 2020. The area under citrus recorded in southern Africa increased from 88 569 hectares, to 96 031 hectares, an 8.4% increase in area. The tree census shows that the oldest orchard in South Africa is 110 years old, with the average age of orchards at 16 years.

The 7 642 additional hectares are mostly soft citrus (4 392 Ha). Not surprisingly, lemons are next, increasing by 1 537 Ha. Valencia area increases by 857 Ha, while grapefruit (367) and navels (339 Ha) show little difference from the 2019 tree census.

Hectares per CGA Region



The Sundays River region is the biggest in southern Africa, with Western Cape taking the number two position. The other two regions in the big league of over 10 000 Ha are Letsitele and Senwes. Then comes Nelspruit, Hoedspruit and Patensie at around 6 000 Ha; followed by Limpopo River, Boland and Burgersfort/ Ohrigstad around 4 000 Ha.

CGA DIRECTORS

CGA Directors are elected by the regions they represent for a two-year period. The following regions are up for elections before end March 2021 – Boland (George Hall), Western Cape (Gerrit van der Merwe), Nelspruit (Andrew Muller), KZN (Mike Woodburn), Onderberg (Cornel van der Merwe), Oranje Rivier (Marius Bester) and Burgersfort/Ohrigstad (Smit Le Roux). All present Directors have confirmed availability for another term.

Should more than one nomination be received from a region, an election will follow. Please send nominations to gloria@cga.co.za

CGA COVID 19 RESPONSE COMMITTEE (CRC) – FAST OUT OF THE BLOCKS

The CRC held their first meeting of 2021 on Thursday. As we come to the end of January in 2021, we know a lot more of what to expect than we did in 2021. Most talk at the moment is about the roll out of the vaccine. As such, the CRC discussed what role we as CGA can play in this important activity. We will look into all aspects of the vaccination roll out and develop a fact sheet for the industry, we will determine how we can be involved in getting workers vaccinated and relay this to our members. The risk of pickers, packers, inspectors, drivers, port workers and others in the supply chain getting infected was the highest risk identified in 2020 - vaccination should reduce the probability and impact of this risk. The CRC will meet again in February.

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