



***Dear FPEF Members,***

Herewith, another edition of our bi-monthly newsletter in which we bring you summarised versions of some of the activities we were involved in during the past two weeks, as well as reminders of important events such as our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 26 November**, trade shows and coordination meetings with DALRRD.

Collaboration and cooperation with key government departments are important for the sustainability of our industry. A recent example of this was assisting DALRRD in compiling an **Export Manual** for the fruit industry. It is being published on the DALRRD website, as well as that of the FPEF. You can download the manual from the FPEF Website under **Documents**.

With reference to the final **Citrus Production & Export Volume Forecast 2021** received from the CGA, **161 155 491** (15kg cartons) were exported during 2021.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE**

##### **NOMINATIONS: FPEF BOARD**

We would like to remind you to nominate members for the FPEF Board for 2022. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, 12 November**. The election of the Board will take place at our AGM on 26 November.

- **Citrus Phytosanitary Registration 2021/2022 for Special Markets**

Start Date: 03 November 2021

End Date: 26 November 2021

- **DALRRD Annual Coordinating Meeting Date**

18 November 2021 Time: 09h00 – 13h00

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82551424875?pwd=Mmt1OXVgQkdPK2pYNUJEZE50N3I1UT0>



##### **Reminder to all members:**

If you have not yet submitted your company's export volumes to Marinda Roux ([marinda@fpéf.co.za](mailto:marinda@fpéf.co.za)), **please do so on or before Friday, 5th November 2021**. Your assistance and co-operation in this regard are of utmost importance.

### **Fruit Logistica Berlin 2022**

*Fruit Logistica Berlin* will take place from 9 to 11 February 2022. We have been informed that the dtic (Department of Trade, Industry and Competition) has booked a 300m<sup>2</sup> space for a National Pavilion.



### **Fruit Attraction 2022**

*Fruit Attraction 2022* will be held in Madrid from 4 to 6 October 2022 under the direction of María José Sanchez, the new head of IFEMA Madrid's agri-food area. Should the Covid situation allow, we will participate by having a stand at the event. Such a stand will be funded by our industry.



### **Expo 2020 Dubai**

*Expo 2020 Dubai 2020* was delayed with one year and officially started the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2021 and will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. South Africa has a National Pavilion and will be combined with on-site events as well as virtual events. FPEF is a co-exhibitor with a virtual stand for the duration of the event.

### **South Africa - Vietnam Trade Seminar**

The South African Embassy in Hanoi, in partnership with the *Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam*, will host a South Africa - Vietnam Trade Seminar on Thursday, 09 December 2021, at 09h00 South African time. The Seminar will be held virtually.

Please see the email from Marletta Kellerman sent on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November for the draft programme and registration form to be completed by interested companies, and which should be returned electronically before/by **15 November 2021** to [mpohoniH@dirco.gov.za](mailto:mpohoniH@dirco.gov.za) and [toh@dirco.gov.za](mailto:toh@dirco.gov.za).

### **FPEF Export Directory 2022 Advertising Opportunity**

The FPEF Export Directory is compiled and distributed by the FPEF on an annual basis, and includes details of FPEF members, statistics of the previous fruit and vegetable seasons and information on the South African fresh fruit and vegetable industry. FPEF members are invited to advertise in the Export Directory for 2022. If you are interested in placing your company ad, please notify Marletta Kellerman via email at [marletta@fpf.co.za](mailto:marletta@fpf.co.za) by **5 November 2021**.

## TRANSFORMATION – FRUIT EXPORT VALUE CHAIN TRAINING FOR EMERGING FARMERS

Last week the FPEF completed the 2021 fruit export value chain training programme for emerging farmers. In total, 44 emerging farmers were trained in four groups including citrus farmers in Fort Beaufort and the Sundays River Valley, deciduous fruit farmers in the Western Cape and table grape farmers in De Doorns. The training was rolled out in collaboration with the CGA-GDC, DFGDC and SATI. The tailor-made programme was covered over a period of four days per group, covering topics including cold chain management, quality management, packing and packhouses, logistics (sea, road, air and documentation), export markets and relationships with export marketing agents. The main purpose of this initiative is to give farmers a better understanding of the value chain beyond the farm gate, enabling them to engage more effectively with service providers responsible for packing and marketing their crop. The programme as funded by the AgriSETA, while the CGA-GDC funded the training in the Sundays River Valley.





**Implementation of the Truck Booking system for the Cape Town Container Terminal and Multi-Purpose terminal**

The main reason for implementation of the truck booking system was to ensure that the arrival of trucks at the gate are regulated and that TPT CPT are only receiving a specified number of trucks per hour and not an uncapped number of trucks as this causes congestion. The system went live on 5 October 2021 and not without challenges. FPEF met with the Transnet team and some of the important challenges were discussed. The major amendment to the truck booking system was to allow for a strategy during wind delays. TPT CPT implemented a “end time tolerance” to allow for a grace period for trucks at the gate with official booking slots. This tolerance will be increased during wind delays to allow for trucks to leave, without any waiting time and return to offload on the initial booking slot.

**Preseason meetings:**

In preparation for the deciduous season, pre-season planning meetings between FPEF and TPT CPT have taken place since September this year. Discussions centered around deciduous fruit volumes, equipment and demand planning for efficiently dealing with seasonal volume peaks, with TPT adequately informed to provide the required throughput for our fruit exports. FPEF and TPT CPT agreed on a tour of the complete fruit supply chain, from farm to port, for key TPT CPT personnel. The aim is to provide an



understanding of the supply chain will align TPT operations with that of the fruit export industry. The second day, industry representatives will partake in a terminal tour at the port of Cape Town. This session is planned for the end of November.

**Equipment:**

TPT CPT is waiting on the procurement of wheel spares to repair the Ship to Shore crane (LC6) in the terminal.

TPT CPT approved a procurement process for acquiring spares for the rubber tyre gantry (RTG) cranes. Currently, 22 RTG's are in operation with another 6 RTG's refurbished for the deciduous season. TPT CPT is incrementally bringing the refurbished RTG's into operation, aiming at a total of 26 RTG's available in January 2021.

The recent breakdown of both mobile harbour cranes in CPT MPT, led to TPT acquiring a mobile harbour crane from Gqeberha to support the terminal's equipment compliment.

**Weekly TPT meetings:**

The weekly TPT reefer planning and operations meetings will be reinstituted for the upcoming deciduous fruit season. Details of the weekly meetings and invites will be shared with all FPEF members in due course.

Please stay safe!

***Kind regards,  
Anton Kruger***