

**A TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN CHADWICK**

It has been a long goodbye, but today marks Justin Chadwick's final official working day at the CGA, bringing an end to his two-month handover period following his retirement. For 25 years, Justin led the CGA, transforming it from a fledgling organization into a powerhouse serving the region's citrus industry. When Justin took on the role of CEO in 1999, the industry was grappling with post-deregulation challenges. There were concerns about the future of research, technical services, and market access. At that time, the grower community was fragmented, communication was limited, and reliable funding for essential research was uncertain. Through his leadership and collaboration with key growers, Justin addressed these immediate concerns, securing the statutory levy that ensured critical functions could continue. Over the years, Justin managed six levy cycles, each one building on the achievements of the previous period.

Under Justin's guidance, the CGA group has grown through establishing organizations like CRI, CA, GDC, RB, XSIT, and CGACC, and always with the best interests of growers in mind. He helped establish key industry institutions that fostered unity and cooperation among growers and stakeholders, including the Citrus Marketing Forum, Variety Focus Groups, and Fruit South Africa. On the international stage, Justin was instrumental in the formation of the World Citrus Organization (WCO) and the Southern Hemisphere Association of Fresh Fruit Exporters (SHAFPE), platforms that have significantly raised the profile of the CGA and the Southern African citrus industry. Perhaps one of Justin's most important contributions is the creation of the "From the Desk of the CEO" newsletter, which connected thousands within the industry and kept them informed.

Beyond the administrative duties of running a growing organization, market access remained a central focus throughout Justin's tenure. That led to a broad range of markets now available to growers – a testament to his unwavering commitment to the industry. Earlier this year, many of Justin's friends and colleagues recorded heartfelt video messages for him, which were played at the CGA Citrus Summit gala dinner. These highlighted his tireless work ethic, his ability to tackle difficult challenges, his resilience, and his strategic thinking and diplomatic approach.

Justin's leadership, vision, and dedication to growers have left an indelible mark on the citrus industry. In recognition of his outstanding contribution, CGA Chairman, Gerrit van der Merwe, presented Justin with a certificate establishing the Justin Chadwick Bursary in Agricultural Economics. This annual bursary will be awarded to final-year undergraduate or postgraduate PDI students in agricultural economics at any accredited South African university, with a preference for candidates from Justin's alma mater, the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

**CGA AND CITRUS ACADEMY SUPPORTS COMRADES RUNNERS (by Mitchell Brooke)**

This year's Comrades Ultra Marathon takes place on Sunday the 8th of June, and it's a down run! The CGA and Citrus Academy offices (located at 22 Old Main Road, Hillcrest) are right alongside the race route — making it the perfect spot to support the runners. We will be setting up a vibrant supporters' area outside our office complex, and we invite you to stop by for a hearty cheer from the team, a quick photo, an opportunity to replenish with fresh citrus fruits and even have a spot treatment to sooth those aches and pains. We're especially excited this year as our very own CEO, Dr B, will be participating in the race – and we can't wait to cheer him on along with all the other incredible athletes. So as you pass through Hillcrest, look out for the CGA and Citrus Academy banners, stop for a quick refresh, and soak in the support. We're proud to be part of your Comrades journey. Look out for us on race day.

**PACKED AND SHIPPED**

End of Week 21 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
SOURCE: PPECB/AGRIHUB	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025
Grapefruit	8.2 m	8.8 m	8.6 m	6.2 m	7.3 m	15.3 m	15.1 m	14.4 m	16.8 m
Lemons	16.5 m	15.9 m	16.9 m	12.3 m	14.8 m	32.9 m	33.2 m	34.7 m	41.5 m
Mandarins	9.3 m	9.9 m	10.0 m	6.3 m	7.0 m	44.9 m	44.9 m	41.6 m	43.9 m
Navels	3.6 m	4.0 m	3.2 m	1.3 m	1.7 m	26.1 m	26.0 m	25.1 m	21.7 m
Valencia	0.2 m	-	0.2 m	-	-	52.0 m	52.0 m	48.8 m	58.0 m
Total	37.8 m	38.6 m	38.9 m	26.1 m	30.8 m	171.1m	171.2 m	164.6 m	181.9 m