

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

*"We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are."
(Oprah Winfrey)*

CITRUS ACADEMY BURSARIES AND ROADSHOWS

From 2 to 10 September, the Citrus Academy's WOZA! roadshows moved through every major citrus-producing region in the country. Twelve stops in nine days - from Citrusdal Country Lodge in the Western Cape to Eshowe Hills Eco Estate in KwaZulu-Natal, taking in Hoedspruit, Letsitele, Boland, Nelspruit, Patensie, Groblersdal, Fort Beaufort and Kakamas along the way. Aimed at HR and training staff at citrus companies, training providers, and anyone invested in the sector's skills future, the sessions unpacked how to get the most out of the Citrus Academy's programmes, the industry's shift toward occupational qualification training, and how to work AgriSETA funding more effectively. It is indeed a busy time for the Citrus Academy, as the Bursary Fund's 2027 application window closes on 15 September. The fund supports students in citrus-related fields (horticulture, plant pathology, agricultural engineering, entomology, agricultural economics) with tuition, books, accommodation and meals. This forms a direct pipeline into an industry that already supports well over 140,000 thousand jobs on farm level across the Eastern Cape, Limpopo, North West, Mpumalanga, the Western and Northern Cape, and KwaZulu-Natal.

Also note, the Justin Chadwick Bursary in Agricultural Economics is also open to full-time final-year undergraduate or postgraduate agricultural economics students at accredited South African universities. Beyond covering study costs, recipients join the Citrus Student Community and gain access to industry events, e-learning courses and industry resources and support. The bursary carries a firm commitment: on successful completion of their final year, the recipient will undertake a one-year internship at the CGA.

Between WOZA! and its bursary activities, the citrus industry is training the people already in it and recruiting new talent as well.

ORANGE HEART

Growers with fruit to donate, whether on the farm or at the port, are warmly invited to join the Orange Heart fruit drive. To take part, contact Sive Silo at sive@citrusacademy.org.za or 031-765 2514.

CGA CITRUS SUMMIT

Registration for the 2027 CGA Citrus Summit is now open to **growers!** We encourage all growers to register early and secure your place before registration opens to the general public.

PACKED AND SHIPPED VOLUMES

End of week 36 million 15 kg cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed	Vision 260
SOURCE: PPECB / AGRIHUB	2024	2025	2026	2025	2026	2026	2026	2025	2026
*Grapefruit	14.3 m	15.1 m	15.1 m	14.8 m	14.5 m	17.8 m	16.1 m	15.3 m	15.5 m
Lemons	34.4 m	40.3 m	50.3 m	39.1 m	47.2 m	45.9 m	50.5 m	41.6 m	43.4 m
Mandarins	40.7 m	49.8 m	48.6 m	44.6 m	44.5 m	52.7 m	50.5 m	53.5 m	50 m
Navels	24.7 m	30.9 m	24.3 m	29 m	22.8 m	30 m	24.5 m	31.6 m	32.3 m
Valencia	41.4 m	51.6 m	46.8 m	42 m	36.1 m	63 m	56.6 m	62 m	67.8 m
Total	155.5 m	187.7 m	185.1 m	169.5 m	165.1 m	209.4 m	198.2 m	204 m	209 m

*Grapefruit Packed Distribution: Class 1 & 2 volumes remained relatively stable at 12.3 m cartons (2026) vs 13.3 m (2025) and 12.9 m (2024), while PP volumes increased to 2.8 m cartons from 1.8 m (2025) and 1.4 m (2024).

INTERESTING FACTS

Citrus contains no fat or sodium, and being a plant food, no cholesterol.

For the latest South African citrus packed and shipped volumes, please visit the CGA website:

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