

# SA FRUIT & VEGETABLE CANNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE?



It is hard to believe that 2006 is nearly at a close and that, in a matter of days, we will see the start of 2007.

From all of us here at the Association, we wish you a peaceful, safe and joyous Festive Season filled with wonderful moments and special wishes. May 2007 mark the beginning of great success and growth.

### In the News ...

#### **“Pineapple Concentrate price should increase in early 2007”**

*Foodnews 03 November 2006*

#### **“Peach trees uprooted”**

- Farmers in California are ripping out trees to try to balance supply with demand -

*Foodnews 01 December 2006*

#### **“Strong winds late in season damage South Africa’s fruit”**

*Food news 08 December 2006*

#### **“Indications of halt to China’s canned fruits export boom”**

- It seems that exports of Chinese fruit may have finally reached saturation level for most markets. -

*Foodnews 15 December 2006*

#### **“SARS introduces single document for clearance of goods”**

- SARS has introduced a Single Administrative Document (SAD) to make the clearance of goods easier for importers, exporters and cross-border traders. For further info, visit [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za).

*Business Bulletin Cape Chamber November 2006*

## HIGHLIGHTS ...

### **Start of the Deciduous Fruit Season**

The 2006/7 Deciduous Fruit Season commenced on 23 November with Apricot production and was concluded in mid December. Generally, the fruit was of a good quality and the Canners procured the required tonnages as planned.

Peach production is due to commence shortly with the planned pack-out higher than last year. We wish the Canners all the success for the balance of the season.

### **SIAL Trade Fair 2006**

Congratulations to the Canners that exhibited at SIAL during October 2006. Generally, the feedback we have received was that the fair was extremely well-organised by the DTI and well-attended by customers from all over the world. Canners and customers alike were very complimentary about the stand-design, lay-out and the overall organisation of the fair. We are confident that your efforts were fruitful and that this will endeavour will contribute towards your business' growth and development.

### **DTI Leadership Group**

As reported previously, the Leadership Group met on 27 November 2006 but was unable to continue on 28 November as a result of the unavailability of some of the stakeholders. A further meeting has been scheduled for 29 January 2007.

## Events/Meetings attended during Nov/Dec 2006

- ❖ **01/11**: Attended DTI **Export Council** Meeting
- ❖ **27/11**: Attended DTI's **Cluster Group** Meetings (i.e. Marketing, Transformation, Market Access & Competitiveness)
- ❖ **16/11**: Facilitated and attended **SAFVCA, SAFVCEC, Cottatrade** Directors/Members meetings
- ❖ **21/11**: Visits to **DTI** Campus re. SMEDP & SSAS Schemes and **DoA** Offices re. Rolf Otto (International Trade) and Deon Kampher (2007 EUR permits)
- ❖ **23/11**: Meeting with **NPI** re Third Party Inspection Services Project
- ❖ **23/11**: Meeting with **Del Monte** re DTI Implementation Business Plan & Funding requirements
- ❖ **23/11**: Meeting with **Prof Don Ross** re Economic Impact Study within the Canning Industry
- ❖ **24/11**: Meeting with **Index Capabilities** re Benchmarking Project
- ❖ **24/11**: Meeting with **L&AF** re Cottatrade EU Quota utilisation
- ❖ **30/11**: Meeting with **Promar Japan** re Trading conditions
- ❖ **06/12**: Meeting with **Expeditors** re Logisitics, Forwarding, etc.
- ❖ **07/12**: Meeting with **DTI** (Gordon Gleimus) re Trade Promotion
- ❖ **11/12**: Meeting with **Nampak** (Ian Wrench) re Steel Rebate System

Please note that the office will close on 22 December 2006 and will re-open on 02 January 2007. Should you need assistance during this period, please do not hesitate to contact Jill Atwood-Palm on 082-465 2724.

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