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REFLECTIONS AND CHALLENGES

The the end of the year is approaching, a time for parties, toasts, as well as evaluations of what happened during 2018, identification of the limitations, of the weak points. It is essential to include in these closures future plans, new challenges, improvements to be made, in order to continue betting on satisfying our customers with a quality citrus fruit, attractive color, good flavour and innocuous.

For the 2018 harvest, we estimate that we would export 37 thousand tons. However, the actual volumes exported reached 30 thousand tons. There were several reasons and of a different nature, internal and external to the companies, most of them not predictable. We also had satisfactions such as the good behavior of Uruguayan fruit in relation to quarantine diseases. As well as the good arrival of our mandarines to new markets such as China.

At the moment we are collecting, with the producers, the estimated volumes to be harvested in the next season. Although it is very early, a normal harvest is glimpsed in this sense. In the first months we will inform you about the adjustments. As always we have the uncertainty of the climate during the summer, the period where fruit yields and sizes are defined.

With this bulletin we say goodbye until 2019 where we will resume, prior the first shipments, the communication with you by this means.



Quality Management System

During the months of December and January, the internal audits to the plantations are carried out following the requirements of GLOBAL GAP version 5.1 and GRASP. They also began to be implemented in the AZUCITRUS S.A and AGRISUR C.A.R.L packing plants the audits regarding the BRC protocol, version 8, according to plan.



In these last months of the year, those in charge of the implementation and maintenance of the BRC certification of the packing houses as well as the technicians of the Technical Department of URUD'OR, have been training in the new version that will be obligatory as of the 1st of February 2019.

Social

In this issue we want to mention especially the Chemical Engineer Mr. Carlos Arbolea who has decided to embark on a new stage in his life, after more than 30 years of work participating in the development of AZUCITRUS S.A.

In August 1987, he began his relationship with the citriculture by taking over the Headship of the AZUCITRUS Juice Plant and then went through the Industrial Management, Operational Management, until June 2013, when he assumed the General Management of the aforementioned company. From that moment on, he joined the URUD'OR Board of Directors on behalf of AZUCITRUS.


He has been an important bastion for the members of the Technical and Quality Department of URUD'OR as he actively collaborated in the implementation, development and maintenance of the Quality Systems required by our fruit receivers.


Carlos, we wish you to sail away from the safe harbor, to catch the trade winds in your sails, explore, dream, discover ...



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URUD'OR S.A. is a leading Organization in Uruguay which is composed by large, medium and small producers for the exporting of citrus fresh fruit, operating as an international supplier since 1963.

URUD'OR S.A. has implemented a strict quality management system auditing the production and packing process of all its associates, in order to assure that the final product reaches the quality standards that our customers require.

GLOBALG.A.P.

GRASP

HACCP

BRC-Global Standard for *Food Safety*

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