

# SABPA Nuusbrief

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Next Board Meeting  
and Strategic  
session:  
8 May 2018  
Next AGM:  
21 August 2018



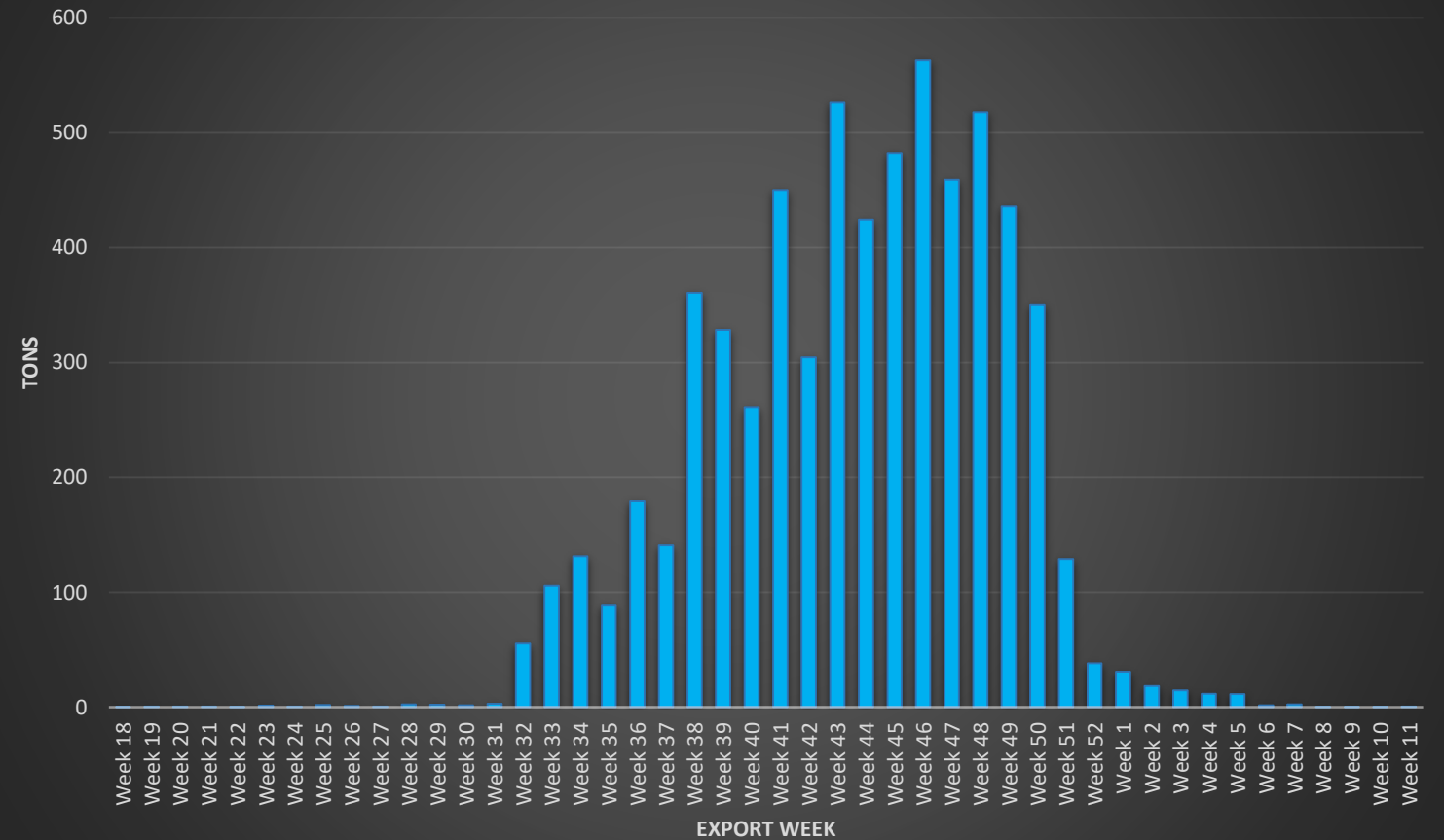
Global Blueberry demand continues to grow by 30.8% annually. Developments within South Africa is continuing very strongly. SABPA's strategy for 2018 and beyond is clear:

- Complete our Phytosanitary Info Packages (PIPS) by June 2018
- Submit PIPS to DAFF
- Liaise with Fruit SA and FPEF on a continuous basis to create awareness of SA Berries abroad.
- Engage with international stakeholders through representation of SA at international Trade Shows.
- Take every opportunity to promote our Berries!

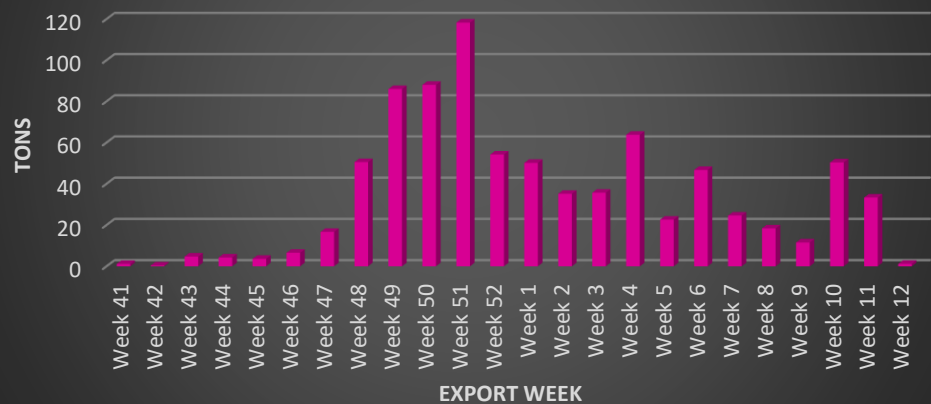


**SABPA recently met with the Chinese Delegation to create awareness of our industry, FPEF Offices, Canal Walk**

## Blueberry Exports 2017/18 Season Total 6441 Tons



## Raspberry Exports until week 12: Total: 828 tons



**IBO Meeting Berlin:** Board member Johan le Roux

attended the IBO Meeting at the Fruit Logistica in February. Some interesting feedback from him:

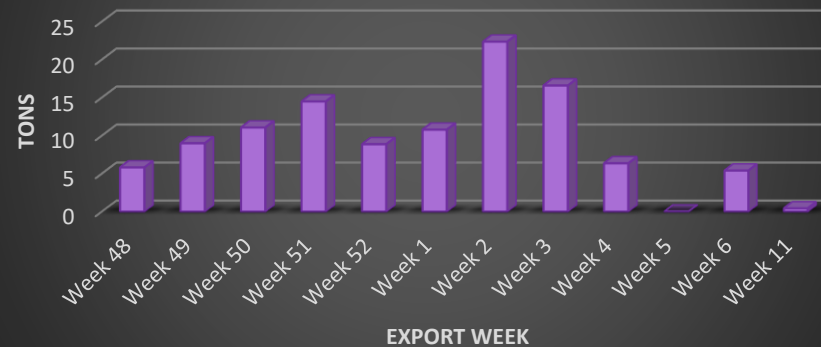
- IBO currently has 81 members of which 14 are country members, 50 are associate members, and 17 are marketing body members.
- You can follow IBO on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram
- The IBO Newsletter becomes available on a monthly basis and is distributed via our SABPA office.
- The IBO summit is held every 18 months
- Next one will be held in Vancouver, Canada June 2019
- 2021 to be held in the Southern Hemisphere

## The Registration of Chemicals- where are we now?

After our last stakeholder meeting, SABPA has engaged with Agchem companies and we have successfully identified chemicals critical to the future success of the Berries. We are now in the process of conducting efficacy trials and will start working on residue trials soon. As part of the process we submitted a report to Act 36 after the stakeholder meeting, especially to focus on conditional registrations. There is also another Minor Crop Stakeholder workshop being held on the 10/11th of April at Roodeplaat, Pretoria where we will have another opportunity to discuss the critical gaps on berries.

We are still awaiting feedback from the Registrar regarding the conditional registrations.

## Blackberry exports up until week 11 Total: 111 tons



**Market Access:** The Phytosanitary Info Packages are due by end of April and we will be submitting the final product to DAFF by June 2018.

In the meantime SABPA is meeting with Fruit SA and FPEF in April 2018 to create awareness of our industry and strengthen our relationship with key role players in the market access processes. Mono Mashaba from Fruit SA will be joining in on the next Board Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.