



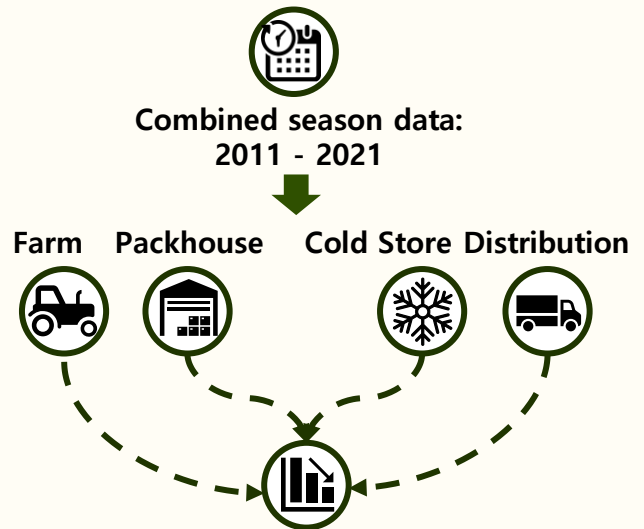
Benchmark Report 2022

South African Stone Fruit

Introduction

The 2022 Confronting Climate Change (CCC) industry benchmark process builds on 2020 - 2021 datasets and provides a meaningful platform for the South African fruit and wine industries to improve their understanding of the use of fossil fuel-based resources and to reduce emissions over time.

The ten years combined season data (2011 - 2021) for stone fruit were used for the assessment and analysed based on the following business boundaries: farm, packhouse, cold store and distribution. Distribution is not presented in this report.



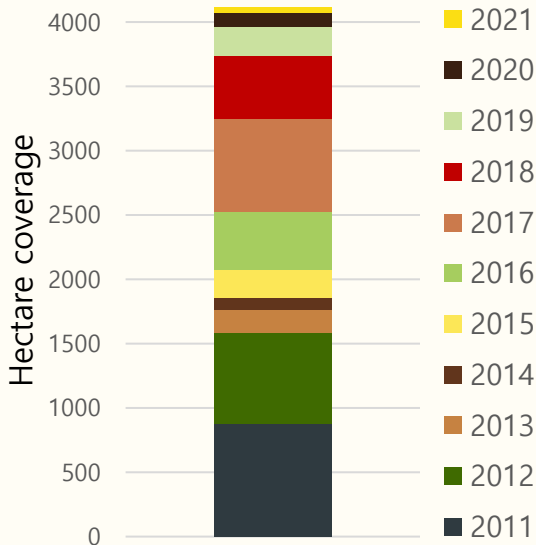
About the benchmark data

The CCC benchmark reports use combined season data from 2011 - 2021 to provide an industry-specific CO₂e benchmark. Users who calculate their carbon footprint using the CCC online carbon calculator have the option to submit their data for grading. This grading is undertaken by the CCC technical team who work with the user to ensure that all data is correctly entered and accurately reflects the entity's operations. To ensure the quality and accuracy of the benchmark results, only graded datasets are included in the benchmark calculation.

The benchmark values are determined using the mean value of graded datasets in the CCC database. Values falling beyond 1.5 times the standard deviation of the mean of the normally distributed dataset are considered outliers and are excluded from the benchmark calculation. All results are shown in the internationally accepted format of **kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent per unit (kg CO₂e/kg fruit)**. Please note that the carbon footprint between various fruit types or commodities should not be compared. Different commodities are functionally different and require different inputs. For example, more water might be needed by one commodity than another and therefore more electricity will be needed for the pumping of water. For more information, please contact the CCC Initiative (www.climatefruitandwine.co.za).

Which regions participate in the CCC Initiative?

From 2011 to 2021 the CCC database (incl. graded + ungraded data) has grown to cover **4 115** unique hectares of stone fruit farms in South Africa. This represents **25%** of the stone fruit industry in the country.



Region	Industry Ha	CCC Ha	%
Ceres / PA Hamlet	2 911	1 573	54%
Northern Provinces (includes North West & Limpopo)	523	264	50%
Mpumalanga	104	52	50%
Piketberg / Somerset West / Citrusdal / Stellenbosch (& Boland)	846	348	41%
Wolseley / Tulbagh	1 462	548	37%
Berg river (Paarl / Wellington)	1 474	379	26%
EGVV (Grabouw / Groenland / Elgin / Villiersdorp / Vyeboom)	815	149	18%
Worcester	729	114	16%
Langkloof	544	65	12%
Franschhoek	554	53	10%
Klein Karoo	6 262	571	9%

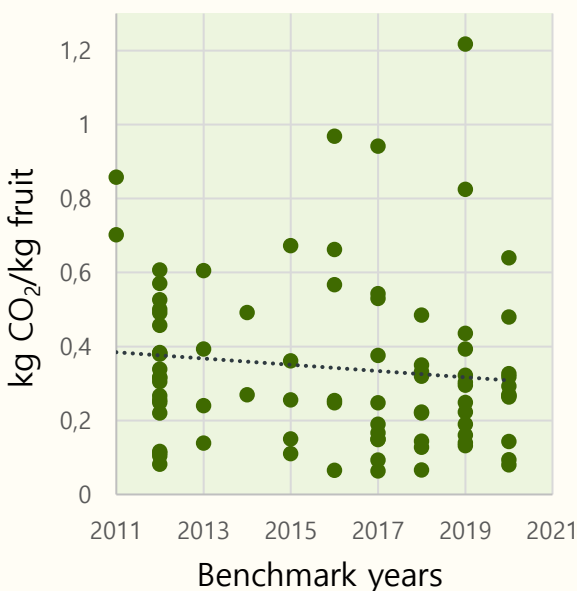


Farm CO₂e Benchmark

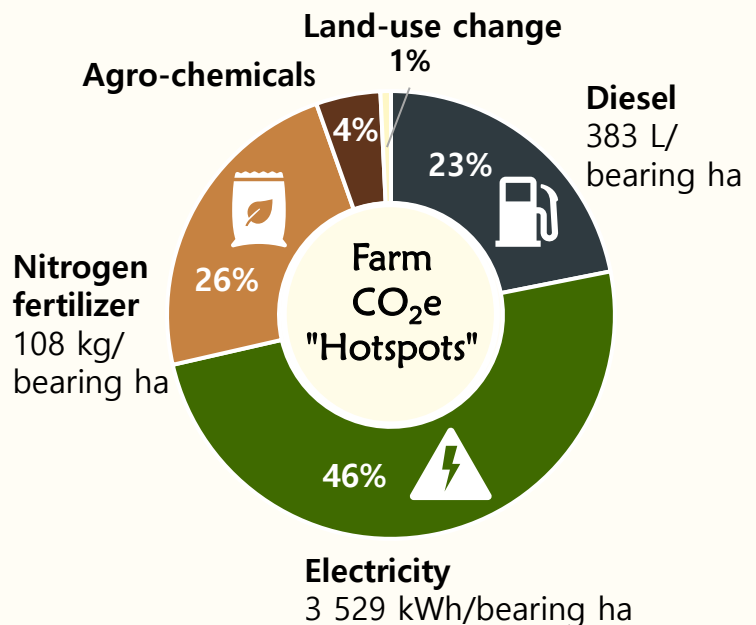


0.34 kg CO₂e/kg fruit

The downwards trend in the graph below is due to electricity and fertilizer emissions decreasing since 2016 and 2015 respectively.



Electricity is the highest contributor to farm CO₂ emissions, followed by **Nitrogen fertilizer** and **Diesel**



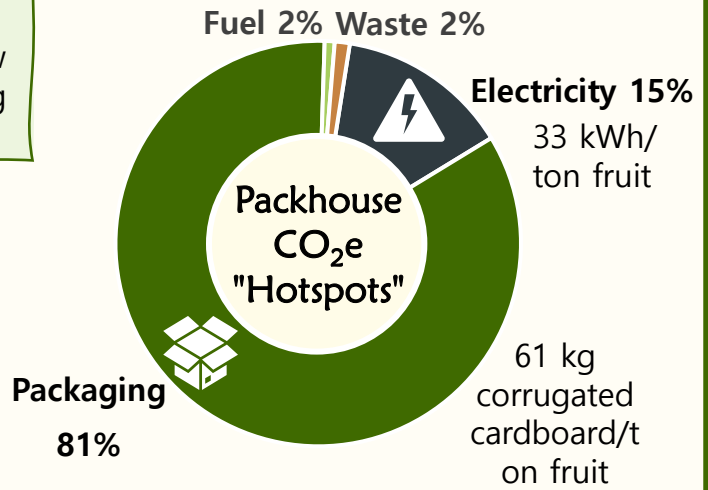
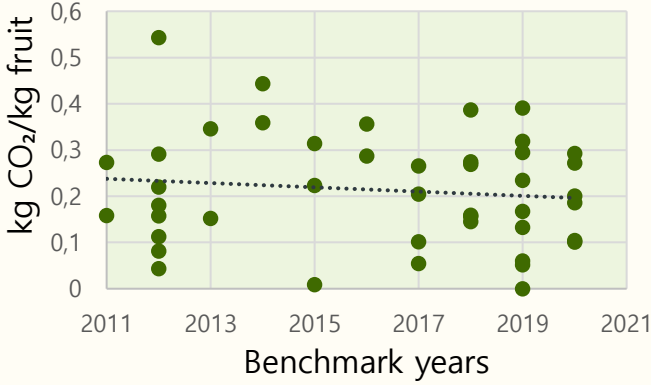


Packhouse CO₂e Benchmark

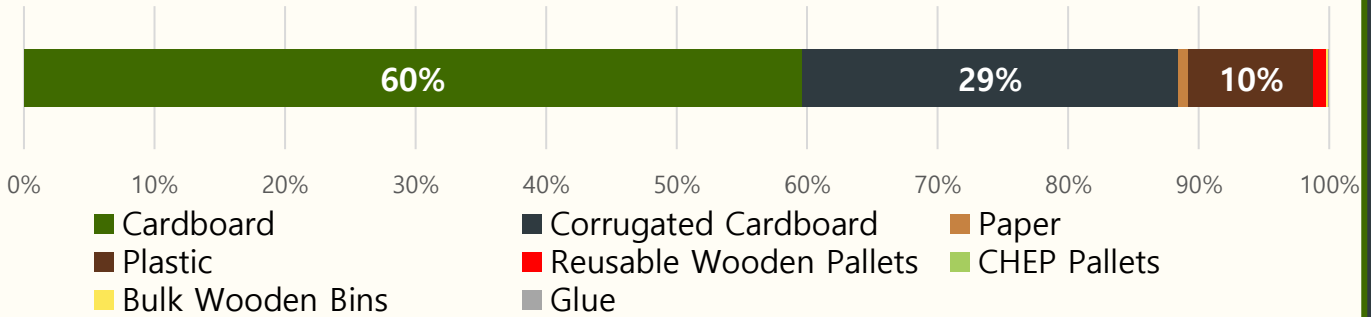


0.21 kg CO₂e/kg fruit

The downwards trend in the graph below is due to packaging emissions decreasing significantly from 2013 onwards.



Where are the CO₂ emissions from packaging coming from?

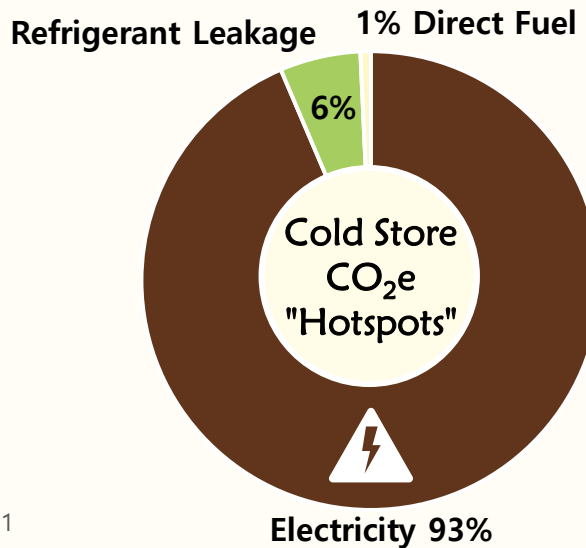
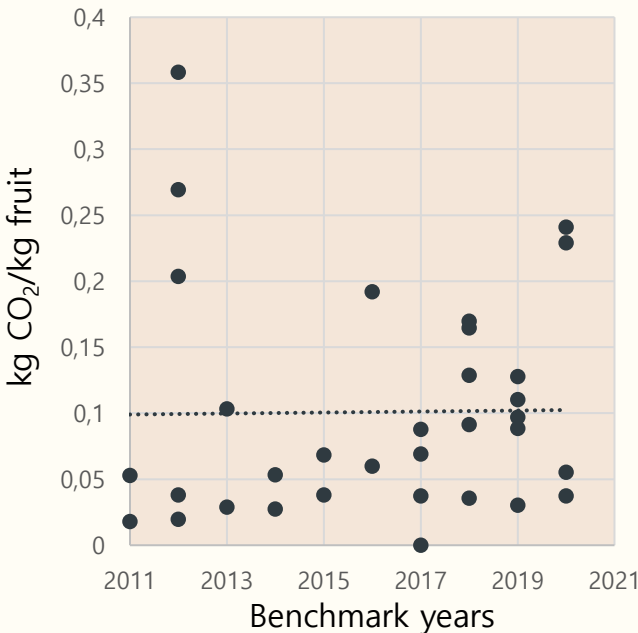


Cold Store CO₂e Benchmark



0.10 kg CO₂e/kg fruit

Electricity is the highest contributor to cold store CO₂ emissions, followed by **Refrigerant leakage**.



CCC Carbon Heroes

We present the Carbon Heroes of the South African Wine and Fruit Industry!

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CCC is proud to announce that we have launched a new carbon footprint label and website – www.carbonheroes.co.za – where our B-graded license holders are recognised for meticulously calculating their carbon footprint. They are the Carbon Heroes of the South African Wine and Fruit Industry!

This opportunity is presented free of charge and provides recognition to all our farmers and/or businesses by being awarded with either a one year or three year label.



1 Year Label

I calculate my carbon footprint and have my data sense checked against industry norms and values.



3 Years Label

I have calculated my carbon footprint for three consecutive years or more and have my data sense checked.

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Disclaimer: The results shown in this report represent the approved data points of the CCC stone fruit sample group representing combined data from the ten-year seasonal period of 2011-2021. In line with the leading international carbon footprinting protocol of PAS 2050-1:2012, a three-year period is required to reflect seasonal and production variances. The data range now covers the required three-year period, and therefore accounts for seasonal and production variances. However, the data range of the sample is not yet representative of the industry at large. Due to this consideration, the results should NOT be distributed on behalf of or representing the South African stone fruit industry. It is aimed to be used as an internal evaluation exercise for those South African producers and exporters wanting to compare their carbon footprint results with the CCC regional sample group averages. This report has been compiled by Blue North Sustainability (Pty) Ltd. Author & design: Carina Wessels. Data analysis: Karlien Heyns. Reviewed: Anel Blignaut. For more information please contact the CCC Project Manager, Carina Wessels, at carina@bluenorth.co.za.