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Citrus body calls for data on flood damage

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Flooding in Limpopo and Mpumalanga is expected to hamper citrus logistics.

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The Citrus Growers Association has called on members to supply information regarding road conditions to assist the government with pinpointing sections that were damaged during the recent floods.

CGA chief executive Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele issued the call for assistance in his latest newsletter on Friday.

“As floodwaters in Limpopo and Mpumalanga (primarily) subside, government task teams will commence road and bridge condition assessments.

“The CGA is engaging with stakeholders to develop a web-based GIS mapping model to document, monitor, and track the condition of the road network, as well as rehabilitation and repair activities,” he said.

Ntshabele explained that, as work progressed toward the full GIS model, an interim online GIS platform using Google Maps Live had been created.

He asked members to assist by contributing information to this model by sending the following details to the association via email.

*Location details: GPS coordinates or road name with nearby reference points.

* Photographs where possible and a brief description of the road condition.

“All collected data will be shared with relevant government disaster management committees, and we will actively track the rehabilitation of critical road networks ahead of the upcoming citrus season,” said Ntshabele.

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