

Look and Learn

Audio-visual learning aids have been found to be one of the most effective and efficient ways of transferring new skills and knowledge to workers at all levels involved in agricultural production. The Citrus Academy, with the support of the AgriSETA, has developed a number of audio-visual series over the last ten years. These learning aids are made available on DVD at no cost to members of the Citrus Growers' Association, academic institutions and skills development providers, and can be bought from the Academy by others. It is also made available on the YouTube channel of the Citrus Academy.

In 2017, the Citrus Academy released second editions of a number of series, including Integrated Pest Management, Planting Management and Harvesting. Three new series were also developed, namely Citrus Plant Propagation, Plant Structures and Functions and Citrus Pruning. Citrus Propagation focuses on the multiplication of plant material, while Plant Structures and Functions looks at the internal and external structures of plants and their internal functioning, and in particular how these aspects impacts on the manner in which they are cultivated. Citrus Pruning details the requirements and practices for the effective pruning of citrus.

This year the Citrus Academy is working on another module that will be added to the Citrus Plant Propagation series, dealing with citrus rootstocks. A new series is also in development, focusing on the Safe Handling of Agrochemicals. These will be available in the near future - keep a look out on our social media pages and to get your copy of these handy learning aids please email learnmore@citrusacademy.org.za



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Learning in the 21st Century

Agriculture, being by nature rural, which often makes it difficult to access quality high-level learning opportunities, is ideally placed to benefit from new developments on the front of learning methodologies. Over the last number of years, online learning platforms have become more accessible and affordable as more and more developers have moved into this field.

Although online learning may not be suited to all learners at all levels, the Citrus Academy has embarked on a project to make high-level learning programmes that are currently in printed format available on an interactive online learning platform. This will enable distance learning and self-study.

The first phase of the project, involving the Citrus Business Management course, has been completed and is currently at the beta testing stage. This programme prepares learners for achieving the NQF4 New Venture Creation qualification.

Following the conclusion of testing and implementation, the programme will be available to interested learners across South Africa. However, it should be noted that the Citrus Academy will not be providing assessment and moderation services. Learners who wish to submit Portfolios of Evidence to receive the full qualification will have to identify a suitable service provider and do so at their own cost. The Citrus Academy will, however, be able to provide learners with advice and referrals where required. Other programmes that will be added in the near future are the Citrus Secondary Programme, aimed at high school learners, which will be available in Afrikaans and English, and Citrus Production Management.

CGA 3RD CITRUS SUMMIT is to be held at the Boardwalk Conference Centre, Port Elizabeth on 12th - 14th MARCH 2019. REGISTRATION OPENS 3RD SEPTEMBER 2018. **SAVE THE DATE**

