

There are also many improved cultivars of navel, Valencia and grapefruit varieties that provide earlier, later or better characteristics of the established cultivars with similar stability. The orange market – especially Valencias – has been more stable in recent years, but growers should be careful to prevent planting in production peaks. It is also critical to plant in suitable climates to achieve the optimum yields required for profitability. The same seasonal maturity spread and improved selections should be considered, as with the soft citrus. These cultivars and their performance are discussed in the recent CRI symposium video, “Summary of Cultivar and Rootstock programme”. Ask CRI for download links, or contact the respective cultivar managers. The video shows a useful maturity table of new cultivars and the companies that manage them. 🍊

Valencia Maturity Chart (Letsitele)

Key	Cultivar	May				June				July				Aug				Sept			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1	Limpopo SL																				
1/2	Turkey																				
5	Valearly (Exp)																				
4	Midnight																				
2	Alpha																				
4	Delta																				
1	Bennie																				
4	Bend (Exp)																				
4	Delicia																				
4	Bend 8A2 (Exp)																				
2	Gusocora (G5)																				
4	Portgate																				
2	Midnight 1																				
2	Henrietta (Exp)																				
4	Old Clone*																				
2	Louisa (Exp)																				
2	Ruby (Exp)																				
6	Millennium (Exp)																				
4	Jassie																				
1	McClean SL																				
2	K. Du Toit Late (Exp)																				
2	Lavalle																				

Key
 1 - CGA Cultivar Company
 2 - Citrogold
 3 - Eurosemillas
 4 - Open
 5 - Stargrow
 6 - XLnT
 Exp - Experimental Cultivar

River Bioscience and XSIT Building a great team

The RBX Group values their employees and believes in celebrating, as well as motivating each one to be the very best they can be – as employees, but also as people. By Rob Elfick



It was celebrations all round on 9 September 2021, as the River Bioscience and XSIT (RBX) Group rewarded its long-service employees and thanked them for their years' of outstanding service. The RBX Group hosted a virtual awards ceremony that included all the staff from River Bioscience and XSIT, with more than 200 employees attending online.

After the long-service awards ceremony, it was the turn of those employees who live out the company values daily, to be recognised. They had been nominated by their colleagues for living out one or more of the group's core values.

It was only fitting to applaud the team for celebrating one another for each accomplishment. A true hallmark of the RBX Group is the team embracing and living out the group's values – it makes RBX who it is.

After the celebrations, several employees were asked what they enjoy about working

for River Bioscience and XSIT, and the responses were heartwarming. The RBX Group has certainly positioned itself to be the place to work, and the team agrees.

The group is setting clear objectives and has good prospects that continue to grow. Some employees have said that the teams they have been working with on the products and services, in the admin departments and all aspects, are what makes the company work so well. Teamwork makes the dream work, and the group has a keen interest in helping each employee grow in a great working environment. With a diverse group of employees, the RBX Group has proven to be dynamite and will continue to trail blaze with its products and services.

The group believes in integrity and honesty; commitment, respect and equality; courage and fun. These are the cornerstones used to build a stronger tomorrow within the RBX Group. 🍊



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Left: River Bioscience Long-service Award recipients, right: XSIT Long-service Award recipients

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