

CRI POSTHARVEST WORKSHOPS Revived in 2022

This year the CRI Postharvest Workshops resumed physical meetings, with six events held across the country and a record total attendance of more than 1 300 in-person delegates.

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After the online workshop in 2021, the high turnout in all the regions emphasised the prevailing need for information – and more importantly – interaction amongst citrus industry role-players.

As in the past, the workshops took place over two days: two afternoon sessions, followed by a braai or dinner, and then two

morning sessions the next day. The first session kicked off with a welcome by the chairman and ICA International Chemicals, the main sponsor for 2022. Following an overview of each main production region by a relevant representative, the rest of the session was devoted to the logistical challenges that the citrus industry faces in order to cope with the rapid increase in production and export volumes.

Session two focused on market access, cold chain and packaging, and associated postharvest rind disorders. Many of the decisions that need to be made by a packhouse are dictated by the market's quality, sanitary and phytosanitary requirements. Industry researchers and specialists in their fields were able to give practical details on what terms must be met for different markets; the requirements needed for food safety; and then the packaging, cooling, and associated risks that go hand in hand with complying to the phytosanitary regulations.

The last two sessions were dedicated wholly to packhouse practices. CRI's postharvest researchers and extension officers covered topics of quality, decay control, water quality, sanitation and treatment specifications. A guest speaker

from SIZA explained some very practical treatment options for packhouse waste water, an issue that is growing in significance for South African citrus packhouses.

CRI was very proud to be able to host the postharvest workshops again, and would like to thank all the delegates who attended, as well as its many sponsors whose generous contributions go a long way to raising the standards of the CRI Postharvest Workshops. 

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Top: Mitchell Brooke explained the logistical challenges faced by the industry Above: Delegates at the CRI Postharvest Workshop

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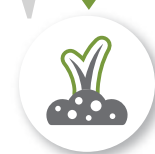
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