

LIMPOPO



The Limpopo information day was well attended

information day

The CGA-GDC held its annual Grower Information Day in the Limpopo Province in September 2024. By Princess Mogale



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Rosle Farm in the Limpopo Province hosted the Citrus Growers' Association Development Company (CGA-GDC) Grower Information Day. They were the primary sponsor of the day, funding the venue and facilities, as well as fresh oranges for the display. The farm is situated 5 km south of Groblersdal, in the Elias Motsoaledi Municipality in Sekhukhune District. Rosle Farm produces and exports oranges, lemons, and soft citrus.

Since its establishment, the CGA-GDC has provided support services to emerging growers in the province, including – but not limited to – technical, production, and business advice, access to finance, and market compliance. Thus far, the growers' database comprises 37 entities, with a total of 2 097 ha of citrus planted. The business structures of these entities range from 100% black-owned partnerships to farms leased to commercial farmers. Most of the entities are in the Vhembe District, while the rest span Capricorn, Mopani, Sekhukhune, and to a lesser extent, the Waterberg district.

The Information Day was a successful collaboration between the CGA-GDC and the Limpopo Department of Agriculture (LDA). The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CGA-GDC and the LDA – valid until December 2025 – highlights the strategically-aligned responsibilities of each party.

The event – which drew a variety of industry experts – presented a platform for speakers to share insights on essential information along the citrus value chain, as well as an opportunity to engage with growers. Speakers deliberated on different thematic topics ranging from finance and technical aspects to access to markets, capacity development, and compliance.

Also covered were cultivar breeding by Citrogold; compliance requirements for the export markets and cold chain by

the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB); funding and funding opportunities by the Land Bank; integrated pest management by River Bioscience; an integrated funding, procurement, and marketing platform by Khula Services; and precision farming on the chameleon device by the University of Pretoria. It assists growers with measuring the water content in their soils, thus improving their irrigation systems. Approximately 150 delegates were in attendance, which consisted of farmers, industry officials, stakeholders, funding institutions, government officials, and sponsors.

The event was a great success, made possible by the collaboration between industry stakeholders across the value chain. The growers were equipped with knowledge and could build networks that can benefit their individual citrus entities.

The GDC also wishes to express gratitude to the sponsors of the event: Rosle Farm, Obaro, Khula, TOYOTA, Citrogold, Laeveld Agri, Total Energies, River Bioscience, Henley Nursery, Mahela, Easy Farm, New Dawn, Du Roi Nursery, and the LDA.

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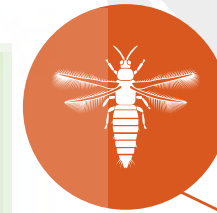


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