

Bio-Blog

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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Celebrating 20 years of River Bioscience

After some significant challenges in the citrus industry, one being the resistance development to chemicals by false codling moth (FCM), the Citrus Growers Association (CGA) stepped in, and a few determined scientists set out to address the issue and find a solution to the problem. And so Cryptogran, a granulovirus to kill FCM larvae, was developed.

The CGA then made a brave decision to establish its own crop protection company, River Bioscience, to commercialise this virus to ensure it was available to all Southern African citrus growers and other agricultural crops. Over the next few years, the company introduced another virus for bollworm control, and attract and kill products for phytosanitary fruit flies were also made available to growers. But this was only the beginning.

Over the past decade, River Bioscience has continued to deliver for its shareholders by bringing in new mating disruption products and developing national monitoring networks to assist growers in making informed decisions in spray programmes.

Now, 20 years later, the initial product which led to the founding of River Bioscience has treated over 750 000 hectares of FCM-susceptible crops, with usage increasing every year as our market access requirements become stricter. River Bioscience has several new products that will be hitting the market in the new and future seasons to come which will address various issues that our growers have been facing. We believe in contributing to our industry's sustainability by controlling phytosanitary pests whilst managing residues and not harming the environment.

20 years down the road and River Bioscience is just getting started.



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May Birthdays

Albertus Ruiters, Christopher Kapel, Muriël Skeepers, Mncedisi Ngquse, Nadia Gagiano, Chanté Bekker, Keegan Mentoer, Anita Smit, Meugel Fransman, Hillsenzo Coetzee, Sachelo Kamfer, Thobani Bisa, Pamela Zamxaka, Petrus Willemse, Andre Moolman, Gerryn September, Hendrik Engelbrecht, Sean Thackeray, Enrico Ficks, Patricia Prince, Mathew Goddard, Dyhan Ruiters, Theunis Lombard

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