



Western Cape Government agree to support growers using SIT in the Western Cape

The CGA and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) have had significant interaction for many years and in early 2022 signed a Memorandum of Understanding to help guide the joint activities of the two organisations.

One of the projects that was suggested for consideration under this MOU was the SIT programme run out of the Citrusdal production facility by the CGA. Initial interaction in late 2022 resulted in a visit from Dr Mogale Sebopetsa, head of the WCDoA, and his team to the facility in February 2023.

Feedback from this visit and further information sharing saw the Western Cape Government agree to support the growers using SIT in the Western Cape with a donation, through the CGA, of two million Rand. This generous donation was accepted from the Minister by Hannes de Waal, Chairman of the CGA and will be allocated directly to reduce the accounts of the citrus, table grape and stone fruit producers who are using the SIT programme this season.

From the Minister's speech, it was clear that the objectives of the CGA and the WCDoA are very well aligned and both have very forward-thinking strategies that are covered by the CGA's vision 260.

Dr Ruben Richards, Mayor of the Cederberg local municipality, was also on hand to thank the Minister and join for a tour of the facility and to meet a few of the XSIT staff along with the Minister and HOD.

A special word of thanks to Dr Ilse Trautmann, Deputy Director General of the WCDoA, for organising the event and Justin Chadwick, CEO of the CGA, for being a big part of facilitating the joint efforts of the two organizations. The CGA hopes that these initial steps will lead to more cooperation between the two organisation in the future.



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