



Provar  
**2026**  
**INFO**  
**DAY**

JOIN US FOR A FOCUSED DAY OF INSIGHT, DISCUSSION, AND PRACTICAL EXPLORATION OF CULTIVAR EVALUATION AND INDUSTRY INNOVATION.

**THURSDAY,  
10 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**8AM - 5PM**  
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MOUNTAIN RESORT

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

<b>Session 1: Industry Strategic</b>	
Provar's new strategy	Tristan Dorfling, Provar
Operational decision-making under uncertainty	Calla du Toit, Producer / Industry
System-level weaknesses in the fruit value chain	Charl Herbst, Producer / Industry
Panel discussion: Shared risk, shared future: Who owns the gaps in the fruit value chain?	
Next 10 years - looking to the future	Marno van der Westhuizen, Hortgro
<b>Session 2: Stone Fruit</b>	
Report on Provar Stone Fruit Evaluations & Tastings	Kyra Pienaar, Provar
Report on Provar Stone Fruit Rootstock Evaluations	Chad van Wyk, Provar
The combination matters: Why cultivar and rootstock are more than the sum of their parts	Charl Stander, F1
Culteva	Gina Kuschke, Provar
<b>Session 3: Pome Fruit</b>	
Report on Provar Pome Fruit Evaluations & Tastings	Iwan Labuschagne, Provar
Rootstocks	Tristan Dorfling, Provar
Evaluation of new apple rootstocks to tolerance of replant disease	Alex Kruger, Stellenbosch University
New Prohort Dashboard	Miaan Kramer, Provar
Panel discussion - What is the responsibility of a chemical company?	
<b>Session 4: Ensuring Value is won: Packaging, Export and the Final Mile</b>	
The 2026 Countdown: Balancing global compliance with commercial viability in South African fruit packaging	Nitasha Baijnath-Pillay, Hortgro
Innovation in Action: Designing packaging for real-world export conditions	Ewan Krige, Superior Packaging
Proving performance: What packaging trials are telling us	Tatenda Kawhena, Provar
What we know — and what we still need to understand about export packaging performance	Mariana Jooste, Hortgro