

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
SLANGHOEK
MOUNTAIN RESORT

WHAT TO EXPECT



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Session 1: Industry Strategic

The Industry We Are Building Towards	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	Dr Wiehann Steyn, Hortgro

Session 2: Stone Fruit

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, FI Freshness First
Culteva: Building the Digital Backbone for Modern Fruit Evaluation	Gina Kuschke, Provar

Session 3: Pome Fruit

Report on Provar Pome Fruit Evaluations & Tastings	Dr Iwan Labuschagne, Provar
Report on Provar Pome Fruit Rootstock Evaluations	Tristan Dorfling, Provar
Evaluation of new apple rootstocks to tolerance of replant disease	Alex Kruger, Stellenbosch University
New Pro-Hort Dashboard	Miaan Kramer, Provar
Panel discussion - What Responsible Partnership Between Industry and Chemical Companies Should Look Like	

Session 4: Ensuring Value is won: Packaging, Export and the Final Mile

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	Dr Tatenda Kawhena, Provar
What we know — and what we still need to understand about export packaging performance	Dr Mariana Jooste, Hortgro