



Provar 2026 INFO DAY



PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026
08:00-17:00 | SLANGHOEK MOUNTAIN RESORT

SESSION 1 | INDUSTRY STRATEGIC

08h45	The Industry We Are Building Towards	Tristan Dorfling, <i>Provar</i>
09h00	Operational decision-making under uncertainty	Calla du Toit, <i>Producer / Industry</i>
09h15	System-level weaknesses in the fruit value chain	Charl Herbst, <i>Producer / Industry</i>
09h30	PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Shared risk, shared future: Who owns the gaps in the fruit value chain?</i>	CHAIRPERSON: Tristan Dorfling <i>Provar</i>
		PANELISTS: Angelique Pretorius, <i>Kromco</i> Jacques Jordaan, <i>SAPO</i> Frederick Odendaal, <i>CFG</i> Jacques du Preez, <i>Hortgro</i>
10h10	Next 10 years - looking to the future	Dr Wiehann Steyn, <i>Hortgro</i>
10h25	IP Owner Presentation	Stargrow

SESSION 2 | STONE FRUIT

11h00	Report on Provar Stone Fruit Evaluations & Tastings	Kyra Pienaar, <i>Provar</i>
11h15	Report on Provar Stone Fruit Rootstock Evaluations	Chad van Wyk, <i>Provar</i>
11h30	IP Owner Presentation	Zaiger SA
11h35	The combination matters: Why cultivar and rootstock are more than the sum of their parts	Charl Stander, <i>F1 Freshness First</i>
11h50	Culteva: Building the Digital Backbone for Modern Fruit Evaluation	Gina Kuschke, <i>Provar</i>
12h00	IP Owner Presentation	Cultirex

SESSION 3 | POME FRUIT

13h00	Report on Provar Pome Fruit Evaluations & Tastings	Dr Iwan Labuschagne, <i>Provar</i>
13h15	IP Owner Presentation	SAPO
13h20	Report on Provar Pome Fruit Rootstock Evaluations	Tristan Dorfling, <i>Provar</i>
13h35	Evaluation of new apple rootstocks to tolerance of replant disease	Alexander Kruger, <i>Stellenbosch University</i>
13h50	The New Pro-Hort Dashboard	Miaan Kramer, <i>Provar</i>
14h00	PANEL DISCUSSION <i>What Responsible Partnership Between Industry and Chemical Companies Should Look Like</i>	CHAIRPERSON: Hendrik Pohl <i>Holistic Horticulture</i>
		PANELISTS: Schalk Reynolds, <i>Philagro</i> Bekker Wessels, <i>ProCrop</i> Jacques Fouché, <i>Nexus</i> Neville van Buuren, <i>Oak Valley</i>
14h40	IP Owner Presentation	TopFruit

SESSION 4 | ENSURING VALUE IS WON: PACKAGING, EXPORT AND THE FINAL MILE

15h10	The 2026 Countdown: Balancing global compliance with commercial viability in South African fruit packaging	Nitasha Baijnath-Pillay, <i>Hortgro</i>
15h25	Innovation in Action: Designing packaging for real-world export conditions	Ewan Krige, <i>Superior Packaging</i>
15h40	Proving performance: What packaging trials are telling us	Dr Tatenda Kawhena, <i>Provar</i>
15h55	What we know - and what we still need to understand about export packaging performance	Dr Mariana Jooste, <i>Hortgro</i>
16h10	Closing	Tristan Dorfling, <i>Provar</i>

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