

Growers support SIZA

Citrus growers make up the largest portion of membership of SIZA, with 25% of the 1 300 members being growers of citrus. Members of the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA) who attended the organisation's roadshows expressed support for SIZA. The primary goal of SIZA is to ensure that labour on fruit farms in South Africa is treated fairly, with dignity and in accordance with labour legislation.



The SIZA programme has been led by a recently appointed Programme Manager and an Interim Board (composed of members from Fruit South Africa and the Ethical Steering Group). In addition a number of tools have been developed to assist growers in improving these conditions. A secondary objective is to develop one standard recognised by all receivers.

According to Stuart Symington, former Interim Chairman of SIZA, despite slow progress on some key issues, there has been good progress on many critical elements on the SIZA front. This includes establishing SIZA as an independent entity and also focusing attention on resolving all outstanding technical issues to make the SIZA data-platform more stable and user-friendly.

To give all stakeholders a greater degree of confidence in the future of the programme, a roadmap has been developed outlining timelines for the structure, governance, independence, funding, functions and capacity of the SIZA programme. SIZA will also include the environment and food safety elements within its portfolio.

Mr Nigel Mudge has been appointed to take over the leadership of SIZA, with immediate effect.

Growers who wish to learn more about SIZA can contact Retha Louw at: retha@siza.co.za or visit www.siza.co.za

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