



TRANSFORMATION NEWSLETTER – January 2014:

Happy 2014 to you all and all the best for this year!!!

As we start the year 2014, I think it's important to have a review of the year 2013. As challenging as it was 2013 had a number of good and positive activities taking place.

2013 Review:

Government Relations and Support

The transformation desk of CGA, through the Chamber (CGDC) managed to sign three agreements with the government national and provincial. Those MoU's are aimed at supporting citrus farmers both national and provincial. Two MoU's were also signed with two provinces of the Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga on citrus farmers support.

The Chamber signed an MoU with national department of rural development, aiming at working together with the department around land issues and other supporting programmes. Working committees were established to ensure that these agreements are working and implemented. Numerous meetings of these working committees took place in planning and coordinating support.

Through such meetings and working together with provinces, most of EC developing growers managed to get support from provincial department of rural development through the Recap Programme. This shows that together we can make a meaningful impact in support of land reform.

Chamber Meetings and Resolutions.

Since the establishment of the Citrus Growers Development Chamber much growth has been observed by all chamber members that represent the various regions. This has been observed through the reports they provide to their regions around the focus groups meetings, CMF and other advisory structures within CGA.

The Chamber took a resolution of conducting situation analyses on all developing farms in all regions. The reason for this resolution was to enable the transformation desk of CGA and chamber be in a position to offer the required support to the growers in the regions. The situational analysis has taken place in three provinces so far - EC, Limpopo and KZN. The brief report of the findings from those provinces was tabled at the last Chamber meeting. Judging from that report a meaningful impact can be seen when support is given as the report highlights the gaps in all the business enterprises visited and also the common provincial challenge that growers are experiencing.