



SAMGA RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM / TECHNICAL DAY

23 July 2026

LVCC - Nelspruit / Mbombela

Preliminary program

08:00 Registration

08:30 Opening

SAMGA Chairman: Emile van der Westhuizen

Session 1

Chairperson: Karlien Muller

08:40 Prestige Sponsor Presentation

MBFi

08:50 **Maturity of mango and its effect on quality and shelf life.**

Lucia Ntsoane, ARC-TSC

09:15 **Thiosulphate Soil Chemistry in Mango Production**

Schalk Lombaard - InteliGro

09:40 **Eckosil trials to relieve sunburn on mangoes**

Dihana van Zyl - Independent trialist

10:00 **Bacterial black spot control trial results**

Estelle Louw - RDAgric (Pty) Ltd

10:20 **Tea Time**

Session 2

Chairperson: TBA

10:50 **Biostimulants - Trial results**

Berné Grobler - BioRevolution

11:15 **The evaluation of promising new mango cultivars and selections in different climatic areas (2025/2026).**

Salomie Willemse, ARC - TSC

11:45 **Flower initiation - literature study**

Demi Tait - University of Pretoria

12:05 **New promising mango cultivars from Sun World**

Johann du Preez - Sun World International

12:30 **Out of season flowering of mango in the Israeli Arava desert**

Yuval Cohen - Volcani Research Institute, Israel

13:05 **Lunch**

Session 3

Chairperson: Derek Donkin

14:10 **Temperature monitoring, food loss and waste in the mango export value chain**

Parton Khumalo - PPECB

14:30 **Soil health complex**

Karlien Muller - Auxano Consulting

15:15 **Soil and leaf analysis - Norms, values and important aspects of sampling procedures**

Larne Auerswald - Labserve

14:55 **Utilizing additional sampling methods to optimise nutritional management**

Hanti Muller - Melior

15:35 **The hidden impact of salts on soil, crops & profitability**

Louis Botha - Delta water

16:00 **Closure**

16:20 **SAMGA AGM**