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MEDIA ADVISORY **01 August 2025**

Assessment of citrus packhouse operations in Burgersfort

Deputy Minister Ms Nokuzola Capa will, on 5 August 2025, visit Naranja Packers, Morone Packhouse, Mahela Packhouse and JP Packers situated at Burgersfort within the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Limpopo, for the assessment of quality assurance in packhouses' operations, from receiving farms' produce to sorting, grading and packaging for the market.

This visit forms part of the Department of Agriculture's (DoA) broader initiative to support farms' operations with citrus packhouses to ensure health standards are observed, their contribution to food security, and general agricultural success, which contributes to growth in the citrus industry, job creation and inclusive economic development.

The citrus industry value chain in Limpopo is estimated to employ over 100 000 farm workers and a large number work in farm production and packing. Employment on farms are permanent, temporary and seasonal. Each farm worker is estimated to support six dependents. The Citrus Growers Association of South Africa's 2024 statistics show that Limpopo is a major citrus producing province, accounting for 40% of South Africa's citrus production.

The industry involves various role players, including growers, exporters and hawkers who sell directly to consumers on the roadsides and at most road intersections in South Africa. Citrus farms are major employment interventions in Limpopo and are well-known for absorbing a huge number of unskilled and semi-skilled people and high-caliber professionals with a variety of qualifications in the agricultural sciences degrees.

The deputy minister will be accompanied by Hon Ms Nakedi Kekana, Limpopo MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development; Cllr Minah Bahula, district mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality; Cllr Eddie Maila, local mayor of Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality; Traditional Leader Tsakaneng Alfred Kgoete and Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele, CEO of the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA).

The media is invited to cover the activity as follows:

Date **:** 05 August 2025

Time **:** 07:00 – 16:30

Venue: Naranja Packhouse, Farm L15C, Wildebeeshoek, R37 Road, Burgersfort, Limpopo

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