



When Hannes Joubert purchased a 40-hectare farm named Habata near Kirkwood in the Sundays River Valley in 1978, he had little idea that the operation would mushroom to become one of South Africa's leading exporters of citrus. Habata was transformed into a thriving operation that focused on citrus for the international market during the winter months and cucurbits for local consumers in summer. Gary Webb, production director at Hababta will guide us through the citrus and vegetable lands as well as tell us a bit about the " 4 bee hives per hectare" that are used on the farm for pollination.



South Africa



Tour Unifrutti

Habata watermelons will be in the process of the packing stage

The Unifrutti Dunbrody Pack-house is located in the heart of the Sunday's River Valley between the towns of Kirkwood and Addo in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. The Sunday's River Valley is responsible for almost 20% of South Africa's total citrus production. The Pack-house handles around 3.5 million cartons per season. Fruit is received from the Unifrutti owned Dunbrody Estates as well as reliable long term partners. Fruit is handled and packed to the highest quality standards to satisfy all market requirements.

GRASS ROOF RESTAURANT



Michael Charliewood and his wife Nikky own and run the Grass Roof Restaurant .

Olive Farm vegetable tunnels and Farming Gods Way



Olive Tree Farm produces 90% of the vegetables for their restaurant Grass Roof where we will be having lunch. Michael Charliewood will escort us through the tunnels and growing area. ***Farming Gods Way***, Grant Dryden is part of the 'Stewardship Team' that have established a highly successful and inspiring sustainable home food gardening concept. It serves to educate and motivate through biblical teachings and principles the 750 million subsistence farmers in Africa. ***"We believe that Farming God's Way is part of God's solution for Africa, where it can be turned around from being the "begging bowl" to the "bread basket of the world".***

ELANDS NURSERY



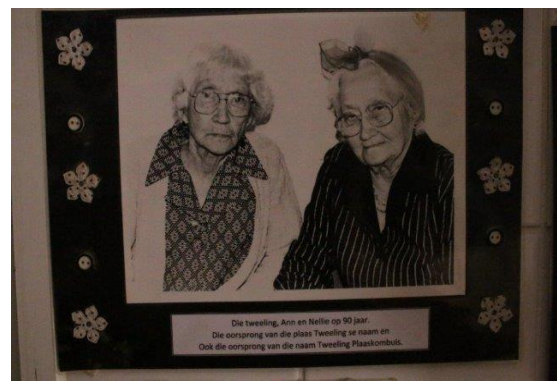
Elands Nursery was started in the early 1970's as is currently one of the largest wholesale ornamental plant producers in SA. It is a family run business and is owned and managed by brothers Rick (Managing member) and Mike Carter (Sales Member) and has a staff complement of approximately 100 people. The Nursery supplies high quality grow on's, ground covers, shrubs, trees and XL Palms to the green industry. Delivery is country wide using a strong fleet of trucks that have regular delivery schedules. The tour will include :

How the nursery creates its own growing medium

Discuss how it is self- sufficient when it comes to water supply

The new innovative logistics system





Tweeling Citrus Nursery specialises in producing citrus trees for farmers in and around South Africa. Anna has been very gracious in allowing us into their home designed germination room as well as being escorted through the nursery. The Tweelingplaaskombuis was named after family twins Anna and Nellie and here you are welcome to purchase home- made preserves and jams which the farm produces.

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Tyna Ferreira grows approximately 22 000 citrus trees for the farming industry and is passionate about what she does. She has been kind enough to personally take us through her nursery and is keen to share her knowledge and understanding of the industry.