

Successful irrigation knowledge sharing event held

The Water Research Commission hosted another successful workshop of the Network on Irrigation Research Extension for Small-scale Agriculture (NIRESA) on 2 March 2017. The workshop, which included various stakeholders, was held at the University of Pretoria. The theme for this year's workshop was 'The role of water footprints in the agricultural sector' and included two presentations of WRC reports. The first project is one the water footprinting of selected vegetable and fruit crops produced in South Africa, while the second project is investigating the water footprints of selected field and forage crops. Participants were generally impressed to see how the water footprinting theme is being championed by the WRC and its strategic partners. The workshop also included a site visit to two experimental sites of the University of Pretoria. Established in 1996, NIRESA is aimed at facilitating the exchange of ideas and practices between researchers and advisory agents in different agricultural disciplines.



Workshop participants visited experimental sites at the University of Pretoria.



Participants in the NIRESA workshop.