

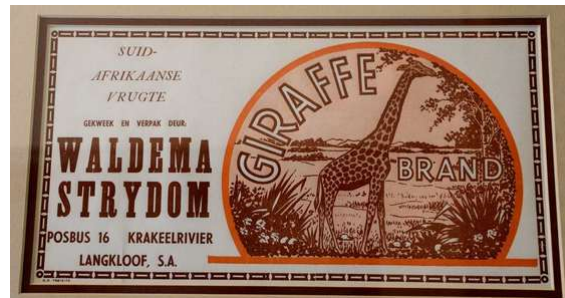
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### Next Generation Series: The Strydoms From Krakeel River

If you were to open the telephone book, half the names listed under Krakeel River are Strydoms. As a matter of fact, there are so many Strydoms that they often joke that any local rugby tournament should feature a Strydom team against the rest of the community! Read more [here](#).




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### Rejuvenating Langfontein

The technical advisor took one look at the sad trees in front of him. "Remove the old wood from the trees," he commanded. Ricardo du Preez did not question him. He realised that to save the orchards drastic action was needed. Read the story [here](#).



## Focus On Women: Dr Ilse Trautmann

The Chief Director of Research & Technology Development at the Western Cape Department of Agriculture shares her story on how she landed her dream job. Read Carmé Naudé's story [here](#).



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## Bigbucks Big Win For Buks Nel

"It all started on the afternoon of 18 January 2011, one of those few very hot days in Elgin," says Buks Nel. After walking many thousands of kilometres in the orchards, Buks made his big discovery. "Finally, a Gala mutation with what I believe to be as stable as any mutation I have seen locally." Read the story of Bigbucks [here](#).



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## Taiwan Green Light For SA Apples

South African apple exporters are expected to immediately restart shipments to Taiwan after a suspension on South African apple imports was lifted by the Taiwanese government. Imports were suspended last year when Taiwanese officials found one codling moth larva in a consignment of fruit. A Taiwanese delegation visited South Africa last month to review the country's mitigation processes, and gave us an all-clear, said Jacques du Preez, Hortgro's Trade and Markets Manager.

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## Young Chef 2018

A young chef from University College Birmingham takes first prize at the South African Young Chef of the Year 2018 competition. 22-year-old Chace Wagenhauser has won the opportunity to train in one of South Africa's top restaurants, where she'll learn more about the country's cuisine.



The competition invites chefs under the age of 25 to create a South African inspired menu, using fruit from the country – plums, peaches, nectarines, apples, and pears. Read the story [here](#).

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## Stronger Together Support

Recent estimates suggest that around 24.9 million people are in situations of forced labour globally. However, due to the hidden nature of this type of exploitation, many business leaders and managers may not be aware of the risks of it happening in their operations or may not have the knowledge to identify and prevent it. The new international legislation, such as the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the French corporate duty of vigilance law are contributing to forced labour becoming a growing priority for businesses across the global supply chain. Read more [here](#).

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## Impacts And Control Of Alien Plants

Every year an estimated 1.44 billion m<sup>3</sup> of water is lost to invasive plants in South Africa. To put it in perspective, this amount of water loss is enough to provide 3.38 million households with four inhabitants with water for a year or to irrigate 120 000 hectares of cropland. South Africa is a water scarce country and the current drought in the Western Cape put the sustainable use of water in the spotlight again. SIZA's Henko Vlok reports [here](#).



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## Packhouse Action Group: Feedback & Water Risks Study



The Packhouse Action Group (PAG) feedback meeting was recently held at Allée Bleue. Find the presentations [here](#).

Blue North Sustainability was contracted by the PAG to conduct a study on the water risks faced by pome fruit packhouses and cold storage operations. Read more [here](#).

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## Deciduous Fruit Gala Awards 2018

The Deciduous Fruit Industry's Gala Event will take place on 14 September 2018 at Lord Charles in Somerset West. At this event, the industry awards people of excellence that made a difference in their various fields of work. This will be the 43rd time these awards are made. Nominations are currently open and Hortgro asks all fruit industry role-players to nominate worthy individuals for these prizes. More information [here](#).

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## Upcoming Events

**28 May - 1 June 2018: Hortgro Science Technical Symposium**

**3 August: Agri's Got Talent 2018 Gala Evening**

**13, 14, 15 and 27, 28, 29 August Prophyta Short Course. Contact [Anine Cook](#)**

## VANUIT DIE UITVOERENDE DIREKTEUR SE PEN

### Rus En Hoop

Met die beste vroeë winterreën in jare wat met die skryf hiervan geval het, en voorspellings van nog goeie reëns wat op pad is, is dit met 'n slaak van verligting, maar ook diepe dankbaarheid dat ons die 2017/18 produksie seisoen kan groet. Ons weet daar was streke wat grootliks normaal kon produseer, maar daar is ook streke wat reeds in Desember verlede jaar hul dag zero beleef het. Dit was traumaties om te sien hoe die planne begin opraak en hoe die laaste water uitgereg is om lafenis vir boorde en wingerde te gee. Hoop wat begin opraak het. En dan was daar elke moontlike kombinasie tussen geen water nie, en meer as genoeg water.

Ons het almal geleer en ge-innoveer in wat vir my beslis die uitdagendste jaar in 30 jaar was. En ja, hoewel oestyd nou geskiedenis is, is die jaar ver van verby met groot volumes appels en pere wat oor die komende maande tot selfs vroeg in 2019 bemark moet word. En die volgende oes is reeds in die afgelope maande aan die boom of stok geïnisieer. Maak nie saak hoe gunstig die res van die winter verloop nie, daar sal 'n oordrageffek op wingerde en boorde wees. Ons weet net nie hoeveel nie.

Gelukkig het ons binne landbou tonne moed en hoop. Tyd sal leer wat die toekoms inhou en soos die ou gesegde lui: Daar moet nog baie water in die see loop voor 2018 agter ons lê. Mag dit inderdaad so wees!

Waar die jaar op politieke gebied met hoop en opwinding begin het, kan ons sekerlik ook met nuwe hoop en opwinding na die tweede helfte van die jaar uitsien. Daar is wel nog baie "geraas" om ons en 'n komplekse en uitdagende tyd lê op beide gebiede voor, maar as 'n bedryf het ons gewys dat ons groot struikelblokke kan oorkom.

Winter is tradisioneel rus tyd in ons bedryf. Vir almal wat die voorreg het om 'n bietjie weg te breek en nuwe of bekende gebiede te besoek, reis veilig. Vir die wat dalk net rustig tuis bly, laai die batterye. Mag almal uitgerus en met nuwe moed, energie en hoop die tweede skof van 2018 aanpak.

### Anton Rabe

*"Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind and your spirit."*  
- Ralph Marston

*"There is virtue in work and there is virtue in rest. Use both and overlook neither."* - Alan Cohen



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