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NOT SO PEACHY

Although the stone fruit season is far from over, producers and technical advisors have ambivalent perspectives about the 2017/18 season thus far. Read more [here](#).



NEVER WASTE A GOOD DROUGHT

Last season's drought taught us much more than what we already know about water management, irrigation, mulching, and other water-efficient techniques. But most importantly, it demonstrated the resilience of the deciduous fruit industry. Read story [here](#).



DROUGHT IMPACT: FRUITLOOK CASE STUDY

In response to the water limitations, in many areas crops were removed and shredded to produce mulch for orchards which were kept in production. This approach will have a long-term impact on productivity as it will take substantial time to replace the trees that were removed. Read story [here](#).



WAARNATOE MET NETTE?

Vrugteproduksie in die Kaap van Storms bring spesifieke uitdagings mee. Is nette die antwoord? Lees meer [hier](#).



JOURNALISTS VISIT STONE FRUIT COUNTRY

A group of food writers visited a Franschhoek packhouse and stone fruit farm in February, before heading off to taste Reuben Riffel's delightful stone fruit dishes. Hortgro wants to thank Charl Stander and Justus Siebrits for hosting the day. Find pictures [here](#).



INDUSTRY TAKES POWER BACK

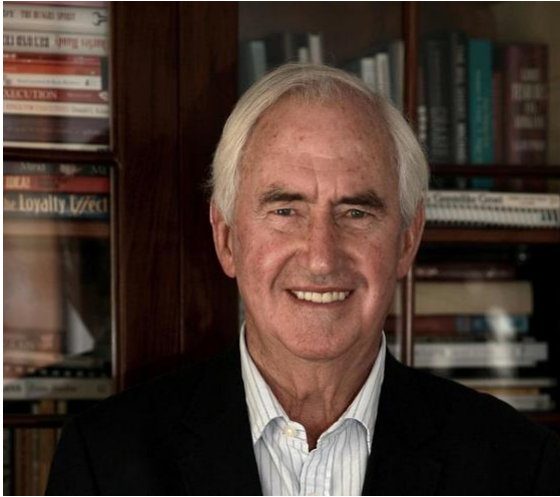
Load shedding caused havoc in February. In a proactive step, an industry task team put measures in place to address operational disruptions that can impact on fruit quality. Read more [here](#).



NICHOLAS DICEY NEW WAPA PRESIDENT

Hortgro Chairman, Nicholas Dickey, was elected as the World Apple and Pear Association's President. Read the statement [here](#).

Pictured here with Nic (far right) are Philippe Binard, WAPA Secretary-General, and Todd Fryhover from Washington Apple Commission in the USA and outgoing WAPA President.



HULDEBLYK JAN-LINDE DU TOIT

Jan-Linde du Toit het diep spore getrap in die Suid-Afrikaanse landbou, die vrugtebedryf en die Ceres gemeenskap. Lees meer oor hierdie merkwaardige boer en sakeman [hier](#).



JOBS FUND VISIT

Najwah Allie-Edries, the head of the Jobs Fund visited the Ceres region's beneficiaries on 7 February. Read more [here](#).

Pictured here are Najwah Allie-Edries, Raymond and Mary Koopstad from La Vouere.

FRESH NOTES

[Fresh Notes 156](#): Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer terrorising our trees.

[Fresh Notes 157](#): Mites in hot, dry conditions.

FCM RESEARCH

A US research team is studying False Codling Moth (FCM) genetics on different crops to determine movements patterns and possible hiding spots. This information will aid in improving IPM control. The team needs samples of FCM and fruit infested with FCM larvae. If you have such fruit samples, please contact Erika Huisamen at eopperman@sun.ac.za; Cell: 063 052 6348 or John Terblanche at jst@sun.ac.za; Tel: 021 808 9225. They will pick up samples or arrange for a courier to pick it up. Infested fruit can also be delivered to room 2014, J.S. Marais building, Victoria Street, Stellenbosch.



AGRI'S GOT TALENT 2019 OPENS 1 MARCH

The Citrus Growers' Association has joined Agri's Got Talent as a sponsor, which means that in 2019 AGT just got bigger and better. Watch our AGT video below and read more [here](#).



Hortgro Symposium

3 - 7 June 2019

**NH The Lord Charles Hotel,
Somerset West**

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→ UPCOMING EVENTS

3-7 June 2019: Hortgro Science Technical Symposium

2 August 2019: Agri's Got Talent

13 September 2019: Fruit Industry Gala Evening

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

Hortgro Stone: [Timely Hints/Tydige Wenke March 2019](#)

[Fresh Quarterly Issue Three, December 2018](#)

[Hortgro Annual Review 2018](#)

[Hortgro Science Annual Report 2018](#)

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PADDA IN DIE WATER VS PARAATHEID

Dit is amper asof 'n (nuwe?) vlag van geweld die land getref het. Letterlik elke dag word berig oor nog 'n bende verwante voorval waar onskuldiges beseer of dood is in nog 'n plaasmoord of voorval in 'n landelike gebied. Die gruwelike brutaliteit waarmee sommige (meeste?) van die voorvalle saamgaan is eweneens kommerwekkend, maar dis asof ons dit as 'n gegewe aanvaar.

Die padda in die water effek: As die water stadig warm word, spring die padda nie uit nie, maar gaan mettertyd dood; teenoor die padda wat uitspring as jy kookwater op hom gooi.

Kort-kort, as iets werklik gruwelik gebeur, is daar 'n optog of een of ander samekoms om solidariteit met die slagoffer en naasbestaandes te betuig, maar dis so asof ons stadig gewoon raak aan dit wat om ons gebeur. Dit is nie aanvaarbaar nie. Hierdie apatie behoort op sigself 'n wekroep vir ons as gemeenskap te wees om hierdie voorvalle nie net te verwerp nie, maar paraat en pro-aktief te wees om sulke voorvalle te voorkom.

My plea is therefore that our farming and rural communities remain vigilant and be proactive with whatever measures are required to safeguard and protect themselves against these attacks. It is possible to set up early warning systems and procedures on and off farms to guard against attacks and theft. Businesses in towns and cities have access control to their premises, alarms, and guards to protect themselves. Farms and rural communities have the same right of protection and access control especially at night and over weekends.

Get professional advice and liaise closely with rural safety forums where required and possible, but don't be an accidental victim.

Be vigilant. Wees paraat.

Anton Rabe

Through vigilance, restraint and control the wise will construct an island that no flood will overcome. - Gautama Buddha

The way to secure peace is to be prepared for war. They that are on their guard, and appear ready to receive their adversaries, are in much less danger of being attacked, than the supine, secure, and negligent. - Benjamin Franklin



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