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HIVE OF HOPE FOR INDUSTRY

A facility at Welgevallen Experimental Farm in Stellenbosch is buzzing with life. Here, thousands of moths, worms, flies and other insects are bred every year to ensure that the industry has somewhere to turn to for applied research in the area of pest control. Read more [here](#).



SU & HORTGRO TOP DOGS MEET

A team from Hortgro recently met with Stellenbosch University (SU) Rector, Prof Wim de Villiers, and his senior management team to align the strategic goals of both parties. Read story [here](#).



CHINESE OFFICIALS FROM GACC VISIT SA PEAR INDUSTRY

A Chinese delegation facilitated by DAFF visited the South African pear industry in March. The visit which was regarded as successful by delegates is one step closer to the opening up of the Chinese market for South African pears. Hortgro would like to thank our DAFF colleagues and everyone involved for a successful China Pear GACC Expert Visit.



FROM KEIMOGES TO TOUR DE FRANCE?

With legs of steel and true grit, a 21-year old agri-worker from Hierbegin Farm in the Northern Cape made his dream come true by competing in the 2019 Cape Town Cycle Tour. Read his story [here](#).



BIG DREAMS FOR SMALL FARMERS

Emerging growers as a group are vital for the agricultural industry's transformation and sustainability goals. That is why InnoFruitSA is all about the development of small farmers. Read story [here](#).



SA YOUNG CHEF 2019

A student chef from the Victoria-based college is awarded winner of the South African Young Chef of the Year 2019 competition.

21-year-old Nikoleta Theofylaktidou will fly to South Africa to spend a week with award-winning restaurants – Reuben's and La Petite Colombe in Franschhoek. Read more [here](#).



CAPE FLORA MAAK 'n VERSKIL

Deur hulle nie vas te staar teen die grootte van besighede nie, gebruik Cape Flora innoverende maniere om die drome van kleinskaalse fynbos entrepreneurs te help bewaarheid. Lees meer [hier](#).



FRESH QUARTERLY ISSUE 4

Chemical Thinning: How does it work? Best practices. What's available? Interview with Karen Theron.

Cankers and dieback in apple trees.

Testing fruit firmness in nectarines.

Download our top-notch science journal [here](#).

FRESH NOTES

[Fresh Notes 158](#): Packhouse Action Group Feedback. Load shedding strategies.



AGRI'S GOT TALENT 2019 IS NOU OOP VIR INSKRYWINGS

Die Sitrusprodusente Vereniging in nou ook deel van die Agri's Got Talent-span. Wat beteken alle landbouwerkers in die sitrus- sagtevrugte- en wynbedrywe, kan inskryf vir hierdie kompetisie. Plase, pakhuise en kelders wat die Top

Tien haal, kry fantastiese blootstelling. Spoor asseblief talentvolle individue aan om in te skryf vir hierdie kompetisie wat die Suid-Afrikaanse landbougemeenskap noot vir noot verander. Vind meer inligting [hier](#).



→ 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 April 2019](#)

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

[Hortgro Annual Review 2018](#)

[Hortgro Science Annual Report 2018](#)

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

Vind 'n magdom van bedryfsinligting in ons videobiblioteek [hier](#).

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ANOMALIES/ANOMALIEë

Flying back from a recent trip up north, the safety announcements made me think about a number of anomalies in life and with the recent spate of crashes, safety was somehow on top of my mind! But there are also other anomalies...

We have all heard the announcement that when the oxygen masks are required "even if the air is flowing freely, the bag will not inflate". Why have a bag if it does not inflate? Or the statement that an airplanes' black box is indestructible. So why not build the whole damn plane from the same material! That will give a lot of peace of mind.

Or you just want to sit in peace and quiet and the biggest talker ever lands right next to you telling you (and all those around you) their life story or what they have been up to. Or nearly as bad – the biggest bloke on the plane ending up right next to you. In my case, two big blokes having to share some space ending with a fairly tight fit!

Dit laat my onwillekeurig dink aan een van Tolla van der Merwe se grappies: "Ek is nie bang vir vlieg nie, net vir val!" Inderdaad. Of, "ek gee nie om om agter in die vliegtuig te sit nie, want 'n vliegtuig het nog nooit stert eerste in 'n berg of grond vasgevlieg nie". Inderdaad!

Dan is daar stories oor die Loch Ness-monster, meerminne, Moby Dick, vampiere en weerwolwe. Of bangmaakstories oor die Tokkelos en stout kinders wat moet oppas vir Antjie Somers.

En spookstories. Bekendes soos die spook van Uniondale. Skynbaar is daar ook 'n spook wat laatnag in die Hugenate-tonnel mense die skrik op die lyf jaag. Meestal lekker

spekskiet, maar daar is genoeg dat ek wel in spoke glo – het self al 'n eerstehandse ervaring met 'n spook gehad. *Geniune!*

And then there are things that are totally beyond my comprehension – not anomalies per se, but just so big and vast. The zillions of light years the galaxy spans, the size of the Milky Way, the billions of stars, black holes and theories about time and space travel. So what – we're right here on mother earth and we better start looking after her or what just happened in Beira is going to become the “new normal”. Superstorms, prolonged droughts, floods, pests and diseases and related “anomalies” linked to climate change.

Of wat van bierlose bier, wynlose wyn of koffielose koffie. Regtig. Vir wat! Soos Robbie Wessels se “speedo's en crocs”. Dis bloot 'n “kite” wat nie sal vlieg nie.
Tot volgende keer/Until next time.

Anton Rabe

"We still think of a powerful man as a born leader and a powerful woman as an anomaly." - Margaret Atwood.

"You have to turn over a lot of rocks to find those little anomalies. You have to find the companies that are off the map – way off the map." - Warren Buffet



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