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WITH 'HOPE AND TRUST' HORTGRO INVESTS R5.3M IN BURSARIES

Over the past seven years, Hortgro has offered just under R26.5 million worth of bursaries to a total of 485 students. Read more [here](#).

Pictured here is Nicholas Dicey (Hortgro Chairperson), former MEC of Economic Opportunities, Minister Beverley Schäfer, and André Smit (Hortgro Stone Chairperson).



GELEENTHEDE WINK VIR JONG BOERE

Moenie luister na die geraas nie, maar na die musiek.

Dit was die oorhoofse boodskap vanjaar by Agri Wes-Kaap se Jongboer-jaarvergadering. Die oggend van die 22ste Mei het afgeskop met 'n paneelbespreking oor die geleentheid van grondhervorming en transformasie vir jong boere.

Lees meer [hier](#).

Op die foto links is die Agri Wes-Kaap Jongboer van die Jaar, Johan van der Schyff, van JJ van der Schyff & Seuns boerdery.



EXPERICO HAS NEW MD

ExperiCo Agri-Research Solutions is handing over its leadership reins to Dr Ian Crouch, who has been appointed as new Managing Director. Read more [here](#).



URGENT ACTION NEEDED TO CURB FARM ATTACKS

The deciduous fruit industry body, Hortgro, has called on the Government to immediately put actions in place to protect farmers and rural communities from the spate of violent and barbaric attacks experienced in recent days.

Read more [here](#).



SIZA NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBALG.A.P

SIZA audits will in future be visible on the GLOBALG.A.P. database as a

new connection between platforms. The partnership between GLOBALG.A.P. and SIZA is set to make supply chain sustainability and ethical trading now streamlined as SIZA audits will be much more accessible. GLOBALG.A.P. will not only display actual SIZA audit information, but also SIZA status updates to improve the transparency of South African ethical trade requirements for global trade. Read more [here](#).

FRUIT SA RELEASES FRUIT INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Download the document [here](#).



DO YOU HAVE A FROG IN YOUR ORCHARD?

A new approach that could transform agriculture in the region is gaining traction. Jorisna Bonthuys takes a look at regenerative agriculture and how it relates to the horticultural sector. Hendrik Pohl, ZZ2's orchard production manager, is considered

one of the forerunners in adopting regenerative agriculture in the region. Read more [here](#).



MACHINE LEARNING USED TO STUDY FRUIT FLY

In the Western Cape, the fruit fly is one of the most economically harmful pests in orchards, causing fruit damage and posing a phytosanitary risk. Four years ago, Gulu Bekker, innovative Stellenbosch researcher, wondered what would happen if he

employed techniques normally used to analyse 'big data' in finance, medicine, and marketing, to study fruit fly distribution patterns. Read more [here](#).

Pictured here with Bekker is Mr Marco Plaatjies from Grabouw.



BACTROCERA DORSALIS - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Post-harvest and winter monitoring and control (bait) of fruit fly is critical to ensure that fruit fly populations are managed down to the lowest levels.

Download Fresh Notes 159: Monitoring and Control of Fruit Fly [here](#).

Download monitoring guidelines and action plan [here](#):

→ UPCOMING EVENTS

3-7 June 2019: Hortgro Science Technical Symposium. Registrations are now closed.

2 August 2019: Agri's Got Talent

13-15 en 27-29 August: Prophyta Short Course. Contact: anine@prophyta.co.za

13 September 2019: Fruit Industry Gala Evening

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

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

[Hortgro Annual Review 2018](#)

[Hortgro Science Annual Report 2018](#)

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

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

UIT DIE UITVOERENDE DIREKTEUR SE PEN

NUWE (EN OU) BESEMS

En daar het die verkiesing gekom en gegaan en sit ons met nuwe gesigte oral oor – van die nasionale parlement, raad van provinsies tot by die provinsiale wetgewers. Plus (hopelik) 'n nuwe en heelwat kleiner kabinet, wat met die skrywe hiervan nog nie aangekondig is nie. Kom ons hoop die nuwe besems (daar sal seker ook 'n paar oues wees) vee skoon. Lank mag hulle lewe en soos my Namibiese pêle sal sê: “Hoch met die beine” of te wel “hoog met die bene”!

As 'n Hort-groep sien ons daarna uit om nuwe verhoudinge met sleutel politici op beide nasionale en provinsiale vlak te smee. Daar is soveel waarde wat die sagtevrugtebedryf, en die alternatiewe gewasse binne ons groep, tot die bereiking van die Nasionale Ontwikkelings Plan (NDP) kan bydra tot werkskepping, ekonomiese bemagting, grondhervorming en transformasie, asook behuising en die stabilisering en beter lewensgehalte van landelike gemeenskappe.

In his state of the nation address earlier this year, Pres Ramaphosa indicated the following most pressing challenges that need to be addressed:

Accelerate inclusive economic growth and create more job opportunities;
Improve the education system and develop the skills required by our economy, both now and in the future;
Improve the living conditions of all South Africans, especially the poor;
Intensify the fight against corruption and state capture; and
Strengthen the capacity of the State to meet the needs of all its citizens.

So, what do we expect from the politicians? A meaningful and consistent policy regime that enhance investor confidence and increase our global competitiveness on both production and market level through enhanced trade relations, market access, and support services.

And what do we expect from public officials? To implement the policies and action plans in close collaboration and in partnership with the private sector and commodity structures such as Hortgro. In plain English – do your job.

Vir die doel bevat die nuwe 4-jaar Hortgro strategiese raamwerk (2019-2023) wat ontwikkel en onlangs met 'n groot meerderheid deur ons heffingsbetalers goedgekeur is, al die elemente om 'n bemagtigende omgewing te skep waarbinne al die belangegroep in ons diverse waardeketting, hulle individuele en kollektiewe doelwitte kan bereik.

Soos Walt Disney gesê het: *The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. Indeed.*

Tot volgende keer.

Anton Rabe

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step. - Martin Luther King Jr

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. -

Carl Bard



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