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NEW SERIES: BAKGATBOORDE

Despite difficult climatic conditions, there are quite a few young orchards that performed exceptionally well over the past year. To acknowledge the hard work that goes into producing top quality fruit, Hortgro Science is launching the "Bakgatboord Series". To kick-off, our new series Grethe Bestbier spoke to

technical advisor, Piet Nieuwoudt, about an exceptional orchard on the farm Rocklands, outside Ceres. Read more [here](#).



FRESH QUARTERLY #5: SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM EDITION IS OUT NOW

In this edition, we bring you the summarised presentations from the keynote speakers and industry experts. Download your free copy [here](#).



GERARD COOKE'S NEW CYCLE

He is formally leaving the world of fruit after a long and adventurous journey. You could say it began when Granny Smith was still a teenager, but more accurately, it was in 1976 when he started working on an apple farm near Grabouw with Dutch owner, Kees Post. Read Gerard's story [here](#).



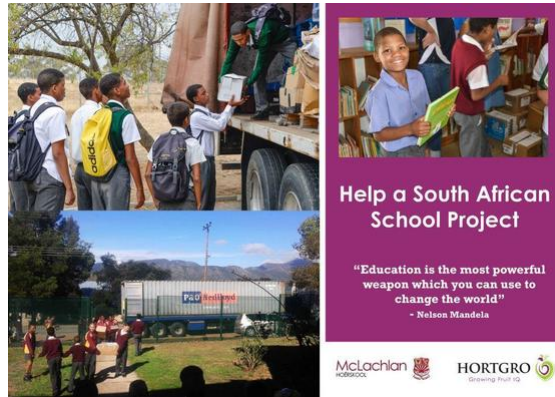
MILLENNIALS ARE PEAR LOVERS: MARIETTE KOTZE AT INTERPERA 2019

The Interpera International Pear Congress took place in Tours, France from the 25th to 27th of June 2019. Good news from Interpera is that Millennials are, contrary to popular belief, pear lovers! Read Mariette's report [here](#).



STORAGE IS KEY

It might be so that growing and nurturing fruit until those beauties are harvested is the essence, the stress, and the risk of farming fruit...But not the business of fruit. To really make it happen, one has to complete the cycle. From the farm to the consumer. Read more [here](#).



HORTGRO CELEBRATES MADIBA DAY WITH BOOK DONATIONS

This year Mandela Day focused on, amongst other goals, education, and literacy. In line with this initiative, Hortgro's Book Donation Project reached a milestone by donating 2 tons of books to schools in the Langkloof area. The book donation which is part of our Market and Trade

Division received the books from UK schools earlier this year. Read more [here](#).

BATTLE OF THE VOICE: MEET THE AGT 2019 CONTESTANTS

The Agri's Got Talent Top Ten 2019 have gathered in Paarl this week in preparation for the big gala evening on

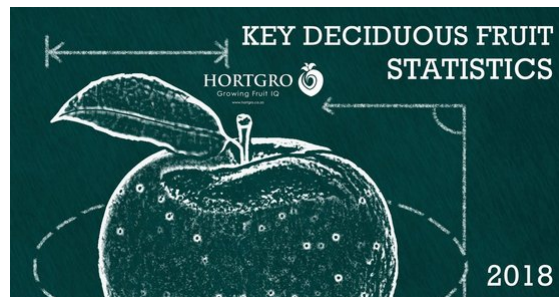
2 August. Who will wear the new crown? Meet our fabulous contestants [here](#).



Pictured here: Akona Ndevu

(Diemersfontein, Wellington), Nonkuleleko Sambo (KMI Farming, Nelspruit), Morne Isaacs (Diemersfontein, Wellington), Rene Floors (Bosman Adama, Wellington), Alicia Rousseau (Lanko, Joubertina), Magdaleen

Philander (Nonna Estate, Worcester), Samuel Felix (Bakenhof Farm, Wellington), Mario Christoffels (Zandvliet, Ashton), Michael Magaga (Indigo berries, Wellington) and Zenobia Pietersen (Marianne wine Estate, Paarl).



KEY DECIDUOUS FRUIT STATISTICS

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INSKRYWINGS VIR BEDRYFSPRESTEERDERS NOU OOP

Die Suid-Afrikaanse sagtevrugtebedryf vereer jaarliks individue wat 'n verskil maak en die bedryf bevorder deur hulle harde werk en prestasies. Hierdie uitblinkers sal tydens die Sagtevrugtebedryf se Gala-aand op 13 September 2019 hulle toekennings ontvang. Dit is vanjaar die 44 ste keer wat hierdie toekennings gemaak word. Inskrywings sluit 31 Julie. Vind meer inligting [hier](#).

PRECISION AGRICULTURE SEMINAR IN AUGUST

This half-day seminar in Grabouw, Ceres, and the Langkloof, will allow participants to access the latest information on the use of pest and disease modelling software in integrated pest management. New dosing and spray application methods, including local research results, will be discussed. Talks will be presented by international and local experts. For the programme and to register, click [here](#).

→ UPCOMING EVENTS

2 August 2019: Agri's Got Talent. Contact: carne@hortgro.co.za

6 August 2019: EU Stone fruit/Fruit fly Management information session, Olive Grove, Helshoogte Road, Infruitec-Nietvoorbij, Stellenbosch. Contact: suzette@hortgro.co.za

13, 14, 15 August: Precision Agriculture Seminar. (Elgin, Ceres, Langkloof)

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

13 September 2019: Fruit Industry Gala Evening. Contact [Clayton Swart](#).

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

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

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

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

UIT DIE UITVOERENDE DIREKTEUR SE PEN

BORIS EN BREXIT

Ek sien pas 'n mediaberig oor Boris Johnson, nuwe Britse Premier, se versugting na roem teen enige prys. Hy het sy loopbaan as 'n joernalis begin (soos ek!) en het skynbaar sy eerste werk by die Londonse dagblad, The Times, verloor omdat hy 'n nuusberig uit sy duim gesuig het. Daarna het hy as korrespondent van The Daily Telegraph by die destydse EEG (Europese Ekonomiese Gemeenskap) en voorlooper van die huidige EU in Brussels, gewerk.

Hy het duidelik nie uit sy les geleer nie en het onverstoord voortgegaan en 'n klomp "scoops" uit sy duim gesuig. Volgens die nuusberig, het Boris gerapporteer dat die EEG onder meer besluit het dat alle piesangs en komkommers identies moes lyk, alle kondome ewe lank moet wees, en dat spesiale inspekteurs aangestel sou word om toe te sien dat alle beesmis in die lidlande presies dieselfde moet ruik. Bid jou dit aan! En dit het niks met *April Fools* te doene gehad nie.

Apparently "BoJo", as he is also known, has a very stormy love life too! He is on his way to a third marriage with a much younger woman after cheating on wife #2. A trait he seemingly shares – also the unique hair-do – with his US counterpart, Donald Trump.

Johnson is anti-EU and an outspoken Brexit-supporter. *Come hell or high water*, as Her Majesty's subjects would say – agreement or no agreement!

Daar word bespiegel dat sy eie party, so gou hulle kan, 'n mosie van wantroue in hom sal instel en dat hy dalk een van die kortste termyne as Britse premier ooit mag hê. Vir sy part hoop ek sy opponente hanteer die mosie van wantroue net so pateties soos wat ons verskeie kere met ons eie ongeleide Z-missiel beleef het. Tyd sal leer, maar 'n paar diknekke het reeds uit sy party en as kabinetslede bedank.

Vir nou is Brexit wel vir ons van belang en skep dit na my mening beide 'n geleentheid en 'n bedreiging. Geleentheid in die sin dat 'n "beter" SPS-reëling (Sanitêr Fito-Sanitêre) sonder die kompleksiteit van Suid-Europese landboupolitiek (veral uit Spanje en tot 'n mindere mate Frankryk) vir ons produkte beding kan word. Meeste vrugsoort (behalwe appels) word nie op grootskaal in die VK geproduseer nie en daar is dus minder

belange botsings. En ons sal moet wakker wees vir nuwe tariewe. Op die korttermyn is daar die gevaar van 'n onstabiele handelsomgewing wat uitvoere na die VK kan beïnvloed.

For now, I will rather not try to emulate the tricks of my vain "ex-colleague" Boris trying to achieve fame at all cost, but rather stick to good order, integrity, and old-fashioned respect despite the old Irish proverb shared below.

Until next time

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Vanity can easily overtake wisdom. It usually overtakes common sense. - Julian Casablancas

Never let the truth get in the way of a good story. Old Irish proverb



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