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KLEIN-KAROO WURG DOOD IN DROOGTE

In die Klein-Karoo is meer as 300 hektaar vrugteboorde reeds weens die droogte uitgehaal en as dit nie teen Oktober reën nie, word die stootskrapers weer ingestoot. Meer as R30 miljoen se lone word nie hierdie seisoen aan werkers uitbetaal nie. Ongeveer 1000 gesinne word deur die landboukrisis geraak. Produsente en werkers vra: "Hoekom kry ons nie staatshulp nie? Hoekom is ons nog nie tot rampgebied verklaar nie?" Lees meer [hier](#).

En kyk 'n dramatiese hommeltuigvideo van die gebied [hier](#).



DECIDUOUS FRUIT GALA EVENING AWARDS 2019

The South African deciduous fruit industry presented its awards for outstanding performance in agriculture at the 44th annual gala evening on 13 September 2019. Find press releases in English and in Afrikaans [here](#). Pictures on our gallery [here](#). Watch some of the gala evening speeches

[here](#).



INDUSTRY LEADER 2019: PIETER GRAAFF

Pieter Graaff won the coveted O.S.H. Reinecke Industry Leader Award at the Deciduous Fruit Industry Gala Awards 2019. Read an interview with Pieter: 'Success is a chain reaction' [here](#).

Find Pieter's gala evening speech, 'It's always darkest before the dawn' [here](#) or watch the speech on YouTube [here](#).



AWARD WINNER ELIZE BOER: 'I WAS A LOSER.'

This year, for the first time, the Advanced Agricultural Worker Award, went to a woman! Read Elize Boer's special story [here](#).

Watch her speech at the gala evening awards [here](#).



'BAKGAT' ORCHARD: ST KILDA'S, BONNIEVALE

The success of this block is mainly the result of a combination of three factors: a good soil, a plum tree-filled environment, and an early-blooming cultivar. Read it [here](#).



HISTORIC WITTE WIJNAPPEL PLANTED AT BABYLONSTOREN

In August 2019, Tru-Cape and Hortgro gifted a Witte Wijnappel tree to Babylonstoren. Now the oldest recorded apple cultivar will also form part of the more than 300 varieties of plants in the garden. Read more [here](#).

Pictured here: Buks Nel, Nicholas Dicey, and Henk Griessel.



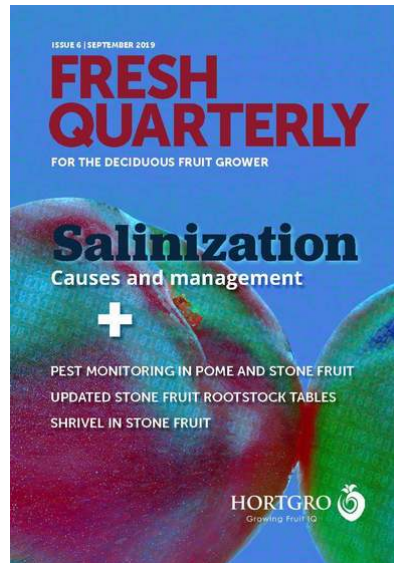
ROBERTSON VRUGTEPRODUSENTE INLIGTINGSDAG

Hortgro Stone en die Inmaakvrugte Produsente Vereniging het onlangs 'n inligtingsdag op Robertson aangebied. Lees 'n opsomming van die gebeure [hier](#).



FUTURE OF AGRI-RESEARCH DISCUSSED

A high-level meeting to reflect on future agricultural research ideals and related partnerships with Stellenbosch University (SU) and the South African academia in general. Read more [here](#).



FRESH QUARTERLY ISSUE 6: SALINIZATION - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Pest monitoring
- Updated stone fruit rootstock table
- Shivel in stone fruit

Read the English FQ [here](#).

Lees die Afrikaanse uitgawe oor verbrakking [hier](#).

CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE REPORTS

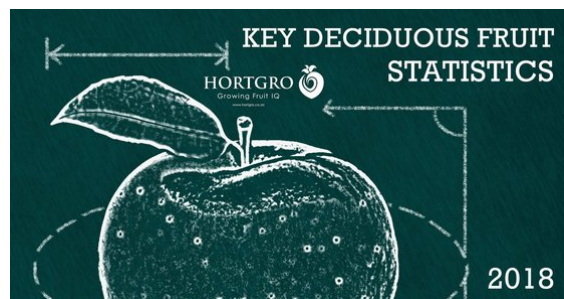
Climate change activism is taking the world by storm. How do you fare in your business?

Click [here](#) to download the 2019 pome fruit report.

Click [here](#) to download the 2019 stone fruit report.

APAC REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL MARKETS

Click [here](#) to download an important communique from FPEF regarding registration to trade on local markets.



KEY DECIDUOUS FRUIT STATISTICS

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→ UPCOMING EVENTS

7 November 2019: [Hortgro Stone Fruit Field Day](#), Worcester.

14 & 15 November 2019: [Landbouweekblad-PALS-grondsimposium](#), Ceres.

29 November 2019: [Hortgro Langkloof Seminaar en Boordstap](#), Joubertina.

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

Hortgro Stone: [Timely Hints/Tydige Wenke: October/Oktober 2019](#).

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL & HORSES FOR COURSES

“As jou oupa ‘n brandweerman was, beteken dit nie dat jy outomaties ‘n brandingenieur is nie.”

Wyse woorde van iemand wat die laaste tyd sukkel om ‘n aanvaarbare (lees bekostigbare en realistiese) antwoord van sy versekeraars te kry rakende die nuwe brandversekeringsvereistes wat op pakhuisse van toepassing is. Dit is egter 'n waarheid vir alles in die lewe – as jou kar stukkend is gaan jy na ‘n “mechênic” toe, nie die predikant of die skoolhoof nie (tensy hulle ook goeie “mechênics” is!).

For that very reason, we have specialists in many disciplines. As an agricultural economist, I consider myself 'a jack of all trades' (but master of none!). We need to identify those credible service providers, advisors, products, specialists, etc. that have a proven track record. Proverbially making sure that we saddle the right horse for the right course – and obviously the right jockey for the right horse. And not try a one size fits all solution. What works for one, does not necessarily work for the next one or problem.

Ons het al almal ‘n bloutjie geloop. Iets wat voorgehou is as die beste diens of produk sedert 'gesnyde brood' uitgevind is. Duur lewenslesse wat ons hopelik met ons kinders deel sodat dieselfde fout nie onnodig herhaal word nie.

Domastrantheid is egter duidelik een van ons sterker eienskappe. As ‘n ywerige, en as ek self moet sê, ‘n redelik ervare kampeerder, het ek al hoeveel keer vir mense in buitelugwinkels “vriendelike” raad probeer gee oor watter “tool” of “gadget” werk en wat werk nie. Kom kyk gerus die klomp “duds” – of soos my Namakwalandse vriende sal sê: “poppiedou” - in my garage!

Die reaksies kan nie meer uiteenlopend wees nie – sommige erken hulle het nie ‘n “clue” nie en is maar te dankbaar vir die “tips”. Ander aanvaar die raad in stilswye maar met

ope arms, ander wys jou baie duidelik 'n middelvinger en koop dan "aspris" die verkeerde produk. En dan is daar nog reaksies tussen-in.

Yes, sometimes we do have to explore, try new things and take risks. But lets' also learn from our own mistakes and make sure we get an expert opinion from those that have the proven track record and/or experience. To ignore this vital "truth" is, and will forever be, at our own expense and peril because a one size fits all and all horses for all courses is just not sustainable. Accept good advice.

Until next time.

Anton

"It's good to learn from your mistakes. It's better to learn from other people's mistakes." Warren Buffet .
"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself." Eleanor Roosevelt.



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