

# HORTGRO NEWS

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## NEW CULTIVAR EVALUATION PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

A new programme for the evaluation of pome and stone fruit cultivars was recently launched at Klipboschlaagte near Ashton. The Pro-Hort programme is the result of a collaboration between Hortgro and Provar and aims to empower producers by generating accurate information on which to base cultivar selection. Read more [here](#).

From left at the back: Grant Smuts (Smuts Brothers), Iwan Labuschagne (Provar), Anton Rabe (Hortgro), Charl Stander (Hortgro), André Smit (Hortgro), Chad van Wyk (Provar). Middle left: Chantel Adams (Provar), Wilmé van Zyl (Provar). Front left: Carl Hörstmann (Provar), Louis van Zyl (Hortgro), Werner Truter (Provar).



## 'BAKGAT' ORCHARD: BESTUIS FARM AT KLAPMUTS

Faced with a challenging environment and difficult climate conditions, the team on Bestuis Farm in Klapmuts had their work cut out for them. Read more [here](#).



## MINISTER VISITS HORTGRO

David Maynier, Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities, recently visited Hortgro's offices in Paarl. Hortgro's Anton Rabe and Mariette Kotze got a chance to inform the minister of all the industry's successes and challenges, while other issues were also discussed. Pictured here: Mariette Kotze, Minister Maynier, Anton Rabe and Solly Fourie (HOD of the Department of Economic Opportunities).



## A LOT OF SAUL

Saul Lintnaar from the Graaff Fruit Farm, Lushof, was a finalist at the Deciduous Fruit Industry Gala Awards 2019. However, awards are not what makes him a winner, but it's all about the way he has mastered the concept of paying it forward. Read more [here](#).



## A DECADE OF CHEEKY®

In the 1990's the first blushed pear varieties were bred and grown in South Africa and have been the market leader for blushed pears ever since. Of these, Cheeky® only made its debut in 2009. Read more [here](#).



## STONE FRUIT FORECAST

The forecast of the South African stone fruit season indicates improved volumes when compared to last year. Read more [here](#).



## STUDENT EXPO AT SU AGRI CAREER DAY

Working in the South African agricultural industry was discussed in great detail and with enthusiasm at the AgriCAREERConnect Day at Stellenbosch University. Read more [here](#).



## KOUE-BOKKEVELD LEERders BESOEK BEDRYF

Altesaam 23 Graad 11-leerders van die Koue-Bokkeveld het vroeër vanjaar die bedryf besoek. Onder leiding van die Koue-Bokkeveld Opleidingsentrum is besoek afgelê by SAPO, FruitFly Africa, Elsenburg

asook CPUT Wellington. Hortgro is trots daarop om die bedryf op die manier aan leerders bekend te stel.

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### **GROOT GEES OORLEDE**

"Oom Koos Lötter was 'n *groot gees* - en het die vermoë gehad om van bedryfsleier tot met studente te kommunikeer en sy kennis oor te dra," het Anton Rabe, Hortgro se uitvoerende direkteur gesê. Hortgro het vroeër vanjaar 'n oorkonde aan dié deurwinterde pomoloog oorhandig. Lees dié storie [hier](#).

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### **VENNOOTSKAPPE BEMAGTIG: GRONDSIMPOSIUM**

Suid-Afrikaners moet na mekaar uitreik sodat verwydering en vervreemding tussen groepe afgebreek kan word. Neem deel aan die Landbouweekblad/PALS

Grondsimposium wat op 14/15 November in Ceres plaasvind. Lees meer [hier](#) en kyk 'n videogreep [hier](#).

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## DIS DROOG, WAT NOU?

Hortgro bied in samewerking met ProCare 'n gratis werkswinkel aan wat sal fokus op die ontwikkeling van veerkragtigheid ("resilience") tydens 'n krisis. Die werkswinkel is gemik op produsente en hul eggenote. Die eerste werkswinkel sal plaasvind op 12 November, om 8:30 vm by Oakrest Gasteplaas, Ladismith. Kontak [Thea van Zyl](#) vir meer inligting en om jou plek te bespreek.

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## CALL TO PARTICIPATE: IPM RESEARCH

Martin Wohlfarter, who used to manage Entomon Technologies, is currently finishing his MBA at the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business. In context to the EU's ever-increasing strictness on residues, ban of pesticides and resistance development, his thesis focusses on decision motivators on IPM and alternatives. Please find below a link to the survey, focussing on your practices and sentiments relating to IPM and in particular alternatives such as SIT. It should only take you 15-20 min to complete. Hortgro Science supports his research and believes your participation will be a valuable contribution to it.

English version: <https://forms.gle/aBM1xP2dxExSgmPu6>

Afrikaanse weergawe: <https://forms.gle/F6Rx9gM9Cz2QRsQS8>

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## → UPCOMING EVENTS

**5 November 2019:** CA Meeting, Stellenbosch ([thea@hortgro.co.za](mailto:thea@hortgro.co.za))

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

**12 November 2019:** 'Dis droog, wat nou?' Werkswinkel, Ladismith ([thea@hortgro.co.za](mailto:thea@hortgro.co.za))

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

**28 November 2019:** [Hortgro Langkloof Seminaar en Boordstap](#), Joubertina

Contact Thea van Zyl ([thea@hortgro.co.za](mailto:thea@hortgro.co.za)) for more information on our events.

## → HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

Fresh Quarterly Issue 6: [Salinization / Verbrakking](#)

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

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

## → HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

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

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### DESTINY - AGAIN?

I still vividly remember walking out of the then SAAPPA office on a Friday afternoon prior to the 1995 Rugby World Cup final against the All Blacks, when asked: "Gaan ons môre



wen?"

My answer: "Ons behoort nie die wen nie, maar daar is iets soos *destiny*."

And destiny it was. In 2007 – 12 years later, the Springboks were the favourites in the final having dodged a few bullets on the way there and deservedly won the World Cup for a second time. Now in 2019 – another 12 years later and again against England, the Springboks is definitely (in my opinion at least) not the favourite. I was so glad we did not have to play England this past weekend – they totally outplayed the AB's and should have won with more points.

And we did not play that great in our semi against Wales but managed the win. And to score 19 points. The team scoring 19 points in the final, will most certainly win. So, although they haven't really *fired* all through the tournament, it is the Springboks in the finals and in with a chance whilst many other great teams can only watch.

Have we dodged another bullet by having the so-called "easier road" to the final and is destiny beckoning again? Well, finals are finals and the Springboks should have a 50:50 chance. Just imagine, how wonderful it would be if Siya lifts the Web Ellis trophy on Saturday. Captain in #6 jersey – again. Seems as if Pres Ramaphosa will fly to Japan for the final – so our President being present – again. And more than anything else – the country is in desperate need of a destiny moment – yep, again!

Which, with the heavy rains in many production areas over the past weekend, will do wonders to lift the spirit of a punch-drunk South Africa where the many feel good and good news stories just don't get the airtime it deserves. Where politicians over the spectrum seem clueless and selfish and where principled solutions should guide the way forward. Mind you - Again!

Let's hope and pray. It may need a miracle, but who knows. A lucky bounce, an intercept try, a proper box kick by Faf (for once!) and Willie holding on to the ball (for once!). And tackle-tackle-tackle. Who knows...Destiny? Again?

Tot volgende keer

Anton

*Our history is not our destiny. Alan Cohen*

*All the power in the universe, can't change destiny. Anon*



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