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### HORTGRO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM 2022

Read a short summary of the event [here](#). If you have missed the symposium, speakers' presentations are available [here](#) and some presentations are available on our YouTube channel [here](#). Please note that due to power outages it takes longer than expected to upload all the symposium video presentations, so subscribe to our YouTube channel and receive notifications of uploads as they happen. Our team is working on a special Fresh Quarterly Symposium Edition that will be published soon.



### HORTGRO DONATES TO EFFORTS FOLLOWING KZN FLOODS

Hortgro donated to the relief funds: **FoodForward SA** and **Gift of the Givers** to help those affected by the extreme flooding in KwaZulu-Natal earlier this year. Read more [here](#).



### TWEE FORMIDABELE VROU OP SCIENCE-RAAD

Prof. Karen Theron en dr. Ilse Trautmann is bekendes in die sagtewrugtebedryf. Maar beide se loopbane het hulle amper in ander rigtings geneem. Lees meer [hier](#).



### AT THE ROOT OF SOMETHING GOOD

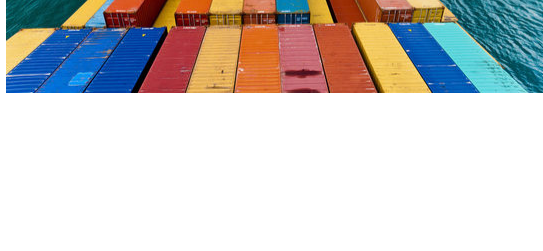
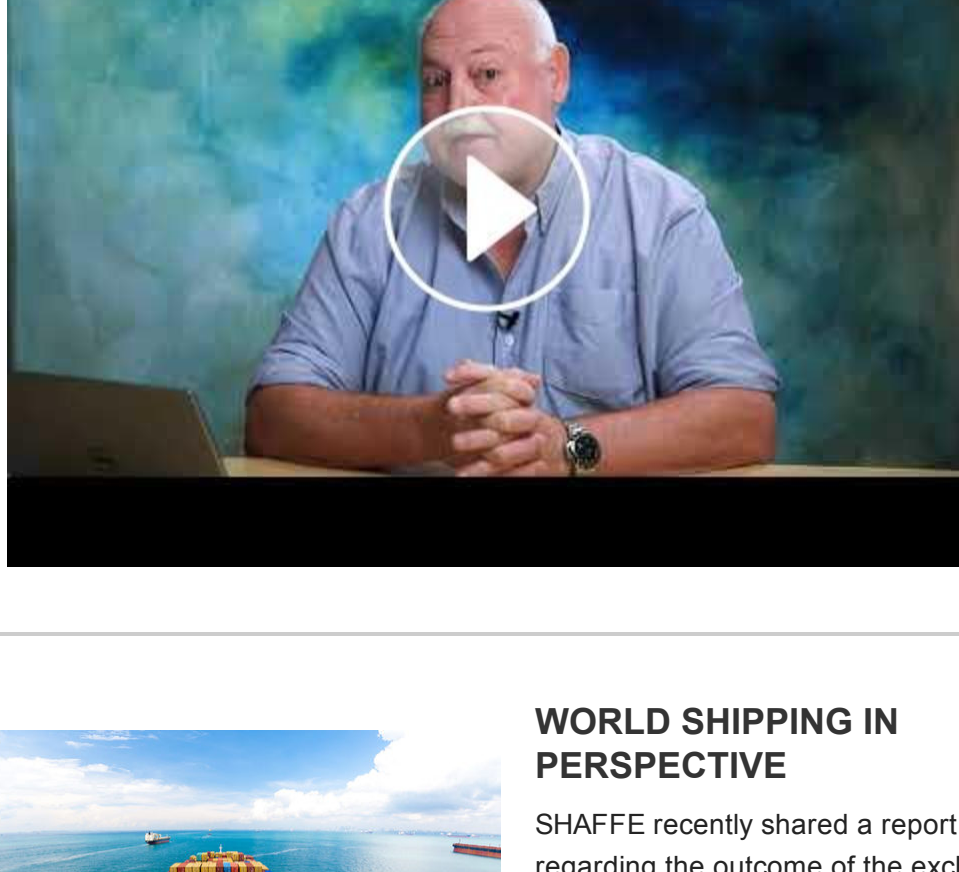
Business partners, Jacky Goliath and Elton Jefthas have revolutionised unproductive plum trees into top-class deciduous fruit rootstocks. Read more [here](#).



### VALUE-ADDING ON FRUIT FARMS

"Vrot appels" inspired Larry Witfield, owner of Loxtonia farms, to craft a cider unlike any in South Africa—one that has now become a global favourite in a short time. Read more about Loxtonia's journey to world-class cider [here](#).

## KYK: ANTON RABE OOR BEDRYFSPLANNE VIR DIE TOEKOMS BY DIE HORTGRO TEGNIESE SIMPOSIUM 2022.



### WORLD SHIPPING IN PERSPECTIVE

SHAFTE recently shared a report regarding the outcome of the exchange of Produce Coalition with the World Shipping Council to discuss current cost hikes and supply chain disruptions as well as potential solutions. More information [here](#).



### THE POLLINATION DANCE

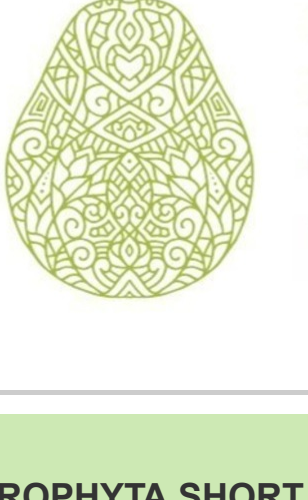
This extract serves to unpack the intensive year-long beekeeping management required to prepare for pollination as presented at the pollination webinar on 31 May 2022. With thanks to the Western Cape Beekeeping Association. Read the extract [here](#).

### HORTGRO SCIENCE ANNUAL REVIEW

The Hortgro Science Annual Review 2021 has recently been published. Read the Annual Review [here](#).

### HORTGRO PLUM FACT SHEET

A comprehensive summary compiled by Mariette Kotze and Jacques du Preez containing facts and projections of activity in the plum industry. Download it [here](#).



### THE INTERNATIONAL PEAR SYMPOSIUM IS COMING TO STELLENBOSCH

Stellenbosch University, HORTGRO and the ISHS are proud to announce that the XIV International Pear Symposium will take place from 22-26 January 2023 in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The symposium is an opportunity to share the latest research and technology on pears.

More information [here](#).

### PROPHYTA SHORT COURSE

Prophyta in collaboration with Agrimont, Experico, Blue North (Fruitlook) and Jorika Cronje Consultation, is leading a six-day course designed to provide an understanding of the horticultural processes of tree growth and development, post-harvest fruit handling, scientific irrigation management, nutrition and soil health. More information [here](#).

## → INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

[Stone fruit postharvest app](#).

E-mail [info@hortgro.co.za](mailto:info@hortgro.co.za) for more information.

## → HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

Hortgro Stone: [Timely Hints/Tydige Wenke](#), July/Julie 2022

Fresh Notes: FN 195 [Apple rootstocks exhibiting abnormal gall-like growths](#)

Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)

Transformation Times: [April 2022 Issue](#)

## → HORTGRO YOUTUBE KANAAL

Vind ons videobiblioteek vol bedryfsinligting [hier](#).

PLUS: 36 Boordopleiding video's nou beskikbaar in [AFRIKAANS](#), [XHOSA](#) en [ENGELS](#)

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Covid & Related global consequences – A luta continua

*A luta continua* was the rallying cry of a number of movements amongst others in Mozambique and Nigeria, and in a political context in Italy. This Portuguese phrase means 'the struggle continues'.

Dit is inderdaad ook my gewaarwording met die jongste aankondigings dat die dra van maskers verby is, dat openbare plekke en sport stadions weer teen volle kapasiteit kan opereer, en dat alle beperkings en maatreëls met betrekking tot reise en binneshuise geleenthede verslap word.

These steps should no doubt be welcomed and will be a boost to economic activity and bring back a semblance of freedom of choice, fewer government controls and the fixation on protecting people against themselves. For a long time now I have agitated that we need to take responsibility for ourselves and not be prescribed some of the silly measures we have been exposed to over the past +2 years.

BUT - Covid is not suddenly gone and a bad or distant memory. It will always be with us and we as individuals, groups and communities need to stay diligent and continue to follow common-sense practices to safeguard ourselves against unnecessary risks.

Ek gaan steeds nie onnodig in publieke plekke (malls is not my thing in any event) rondhang nie, ek gaan steeds my hande saniteer as ek my kredietkaart iewers gebruik het (bv. as ek bakkie se tenk ten duurste volgemaak het), ek gaan steeds nie sommer weer orals heen vlieg nie, en ek gaan steeds virtueel na die kerkiens op 'n Sondagoggend luister.

Daar is beslis 'n klompie goeie goed, insluitende die virtuele manier van dinge doen, wat post-Covid behoue sal bly.

I also just had my 2<sup>nd</sup> booster shot – yes, the 4<sup>th</sup> jab. Scientific fact is that vaccination remains the single best way in safeguarding against serious illness and the risk of ending up in a hospital, or worse. Viruses are clever little buggers and they will continue to mutate and find new ways in which to survive. In this regard, we just need to note the renewed escalation of Covid positives in Europe which, on the back of new mutations, will have an impact on economic activity and social life, including pressure on hospitals and increased deaths.

Inflation and pressure on the producer price index are at very high levels globally. Trade has been disrupted and all traditional assumptions on which strategies and business plans are based, need to be re-visited. Globalisation is on the back foot and nations are rapidly localising with renewed protectionist vigour. This will have a serious impact on our fruit exporting industries requiring a serious re-think and re-calibration. And it needs to be done chop-chop and on the fly.

Maar, ons sal aanhou met die gestoei – beide met Covid en die globale impak daarvan op soveel terreine. En ons sal, na 'n onvermydelike konsolidasie fase, sterker en ratser anderkant uitkom.

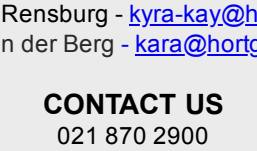
Tot volgende keer.

Anton

*Don't quit. You're already in pain. You're already hurt. Get reward from it. Anon*

*We don't have to be smarter than the rest. We have to be more disciplined than the rest.*

Warren Buffet



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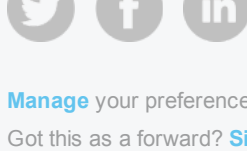
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