

CONTENTS

- Kaap Nampo: Sagtevrugtebedryf struikelblokke bespreek
- Profitability under pressure; it's back to basics
- Gesonde onderstamme gesonde belegging
- The 2022 International Horticultural Congress
- Droëvrugbedryf-inligtingsdag: volhoubaarheid
- Hot transformation project that started with a cooler
- Creating opportunities for marginalised youth in rural SA
- New majority shareholder in Culdevco
- The strategic agricultural input forum
- Agri's Got Talent—Meet the top 10
- Watch: Kaap NAMPO Mariette Kotze in conversation with Anlie Hattingh on AgriXtra
- Events, publications, video library
- From the Executive Director's desk



Kaap Nampo: Sagtevrugtebedryf struikelblokke bespreek

'n Hortgro-span het onlangs Kaap Nampo besoek, waar infrastruktuur, logistiek, insetkoste en die stompkopkewer as uitdagings vir die sagtevrugtebedryf, bespreek is. Lees meer [hier](#). En kyk na die *Nasie in Gesprek* paneelbespreking [hier](#).

Onderskrif: André Smit (Hortgro Stone), Mariette Kotzé (Hortgro), die Wes-Kaapse Premier, Alan Winde, en Nicholas Dicey (Hortgro Pome).



Profitability under pressure; it's back to basics

Big and small producers are feeling the economic pressure and are uncertain about what the future holds. Over the past twelve to 18 months, the agricultural sector and fruit industry in particular pome and stone fruit growers have had to face several challenges which had a direct impact on farm-level profitability. Read more [here](#).



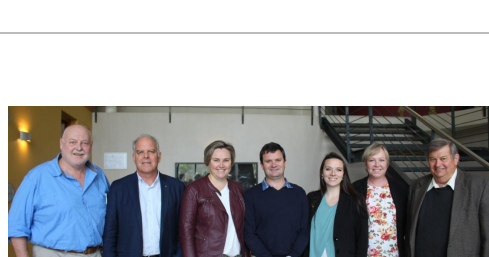
Gesonde onderstamme gesonde belegging

Müller Oosthuizen van die plaas Ginger Gypsey naby Modimolle, Limpopo, het onlangs die skuif na weefselkultuur-onderstamme gemaak en kan nie uitgepraat raak oor hoe beïndruk hy met die plantkwaliteit is nie. Lees meer [hier](#).



The 2022 International Horticultural Congress

South Africans share highlights from the International Horticultural Congress, the largest horticultural congress in the world. Read the highlights [here](#).



Droëvrugbedryf hou inligtingsdag oor volhoubaarheid

Hortgro Dried Tree Fruit (DTF) het op 1 September 'n bedryfsinligtingsdag op Robertson gehou om aan produsente en verwerkers terugvoer te gee oor "waar die bedryf staan en waarheen dit gaan" in afwagting op die komende seisoen. Lees meer [hier](#).



The hot transformation project that started with a cooler

Today the Crispy Group is a formidable player in fruit farming based in the hub of Ceres in the Witzenberg district. This is all because of the visionary thinking of the **Dutoit Group** more than two dozen years ago, helping to correct a misapprehension. Read more [here](#).



Creating opportunities for marginalised youth in rural SA

KBOS with help from AgriSETA have implemented a programme, *Learn to Achieve*, aimed at out-of-school youths in its rural farming community with very few job opportunities, skills to prepare them for a possible career in agriculture. Read more [here](#).

New majority shareholder in Culdevco

Cultipowered NPC, a non-profit company, initiated by the shareholders of Culdevco (Pty) Limited facilitate its own transformation goals with its main objectives to facilitate, support and co-fund transformation. Read the press release [here](#).

The strategic agricultural input forum

The Strategic Agricultural Input Forum (SAIF) and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) signed a letter of engagement marking the acceptance of a gap analysis conducted in terms of the status of the regulatory capacity within the Directorate Agricultural Input Control (AIC). Read the press release [here](#).

Agri's Got Talent—Meet the top 10

Agri's Got Talent is excited to announce the Top 10 for 2022, meet the team [here](#). AGT will welcome the group at Goudini Spa near Worcester on 17 October 2022 for AGT training week where they will receive voice and stage training and take part in a personal development programme. Tickets for the **gala event on 21 October** are available at [Computicket](#).

WATCH: Nampo Cape—Mariette Kotzé in conversation with Anlie Hattingh on AgriXtra



SAVE THE DATE: Langkloof Seminar and Orchard Walk

Hortgro Science will be hosting a Langkloof Seminar and Field Day on 23 November 2022 at Misgund Church Hall. Contact [Lindy Sigonyela](#) for more detail.

The XIV International Pear Symposium

The XIV International Pear Symposium invites scientists, researchers, students, technical staff, consultants, nurserymen, growers, and other interested delegates to the upcoming event in January 2023. Register [here](#).

→ INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

[Stone fruit postharvest app](#).

E-mail info@hortgro.co.za for more information.

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

Hortgro Stone: [Timely Hints/Tydige Wenke](#): October 2022

Fresh Quarterly: [Issue 18](#)

Fresh Notes: FN 198 [PAG Feedback Aug 2022](#)

Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)

Transformation Times: [April 2022 Issue](#)

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE

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

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Goeie medisyne is sleg!

Gegewe die huidige uiters swak ekonomiese situasie op plaasvlak, is bepaalde veranderinge noodsaaklik om die gehalte en vrugtgrootte van ons aanbod na die mark, te verbeter. Ja, die logistieke kwessies in die Kaapse have en globale uitdagings soos aanbodneregulasies voorgestel. Voldoende produsente steun kon egter nie hiervoor verandering word nie. Dit maak die noodsaaklik vir self-dissipline nog groter en produsente word aangeraai om met hulle bemarkers te skakel en seker te maak dat kleiner vrugte teen lewensvatbare pryse bemark word. Dit is veral belangrik dat sulke vrugte nie ongeprogrammeerd in die ope mark beland nie.

Dit is ook duidelik dat die geprojekeerde sterk styging nektarien volumes oor die volgende paar jaar, 'n soortgelyke bedryfsreaksie sal vereis. Die impak van die pruim besluite sal derhalwe deeglik analiseer word ten einde meer pro-aktief vir nektariens, en waarskynlik ook vir kernvrugte, op te tree.

Hierdie is nie maklike (of gewilde) besluite en prosesse nie. Én die spreekwoordelike medisyne is *sleg*. Dit is egter absoluut noodsaaklik dat die regte seine na die mark gestuur word, naamlik dat die Suid-Afrikaanse vrugtebedryf ernstig is om sy mark-aanbod met die nodige selfdissipline te verbeter.

This will allow us as an industry collective to push back against the ever-increasing and costly compliance demands – of the trade.

To note also is that on the back of good crops (with zero and negative producer returns!), both pome and stone have over collected this past season as far as industry levies goes. The pome and stone producer councils have therefore both approved deficit budgets for the 2022/23 period with a significant portion of the surplus funds to be spent on the trade side of industry activities to return to profitability.

Die rade het ook goedgekeur dat heffingsvlakke nie vir die nuwe jaar verhoog word nie, maar op die 2021/22-vlakke gehandhaaf word. Ons vertrou dat hierdie besluit produsente op primêre vlak sal help en bevestig dat bedryfsleiers en bestuur sensitief is vir dit wat op plaasvlak gebeur. Tot volgende keer.

Anton

Don't worry too much about profitability. If you do your job well, the profitability will come. Bernard Arnault

Getting to profitability does not mean all our problems are solved. Julia Hartz



EDITORIAL TEAM

Elise-Marie Steenkamp - elise-marie@hortgro.co.za

Kyra-Kay Rensburg - kyra-kay@hortgro.co.za

CONTACT US

021 870 2900

www.hortgro.co.za

[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt Out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

258 Main St, Buitenvewagting | Paarl, Western Cape 7646 ZA

This email was sent to .

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.