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Ceres Fruit Growers is 100: Blywende impak op gemeenskap

Die visie van Ceres-produisente het 'n blywende erfenis aan die hedendaagse vrugtebedryf en Ceres-gemeenskap gelaat. Lees meer [hier](#).



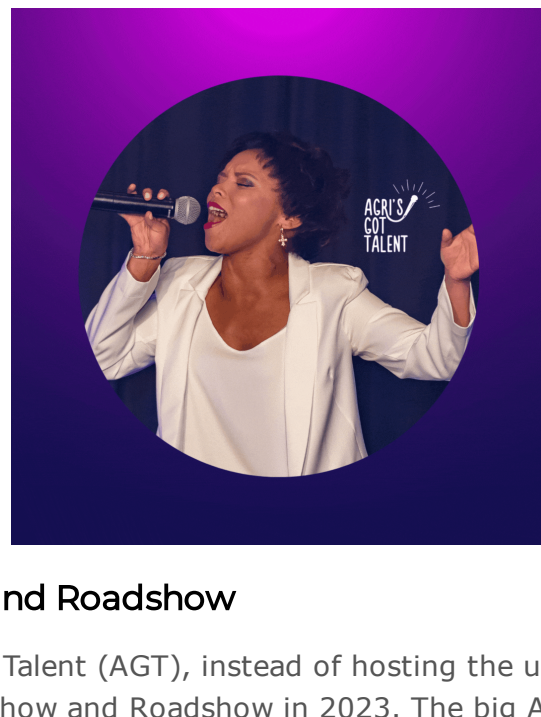
Ontmoet die nuwe generasie bedryfsleiers

Alexander Gibson van Doornkraal Agri is een van die eerste groep jong mense wat Hortgro se bedryfsleierskapprogram voltooi het. Lees meer [hier](#).



Inmaakvrugtebedryf fokus op positiewe toekoms

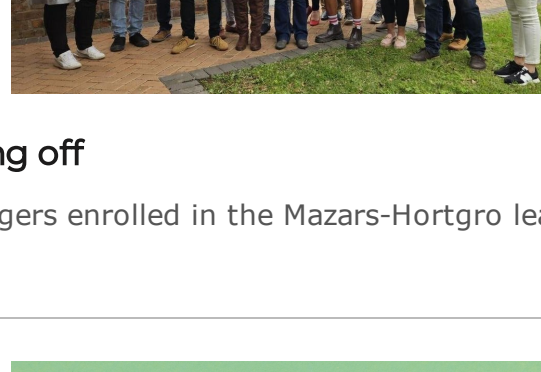
Inmaakbedryf fokus op positiewe; Langeberg en Ashton voedselaanleg se toekoms steeds duister. Lees meer [hier](#).



AGT 2023: The Reunion Show and Roadshow

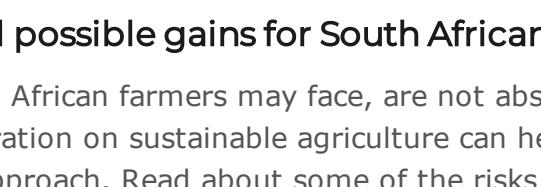
To celebrate ten years of Agri's Got Talent (AGT), instead of hosting the usual competition, AGT will celebrate a decade of music with a Reunion Show and Roadshow in 2023. The big AGT show will take place in Paarl at the Afrikaanse Taal Monument's amphitheatre, on 18 November 2023.

Read more [here](#).



Learning and developing taking off

The fifth group of production managers enrolled in the Mazars-Hortgro learning initiative recently received their certificates. Read more [here](#).



EU Green Deal: Challenges and possible gains for South African farmers

The potential challenges that South African farmers may face, are not absolute outcomes. The EU-South Africa trade relationship and cooperation on sustainable agriculture can help mitigate some of these risks and foster a more mutually beneficial approach. Read about some of the risks [here](#).



First International Symposium on Plant Propagation, Nursery Organisation and Management

The First International Symposium on Plant Propagation, Nursery Organisation and Management to produce Certified Fruit Trees was held in Locorotondo (Bari) Italy this July and was attended by Hortgro plant material manager, Hugh Campbell. Read more [here](#).

Caption: Hugh Campbell, Frederik Voigt (ZZ2) and Stuart Amos (Topfruit)



23rd Congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa

The 23rd Congress of the Entomological Society of Southern Africa (ESSA) recently took place in Stellenbosch. Read more [here](#).

WATCH: Determining pear trees reproductive host status for PSHB



Hortgro Bursary closing 15 August 2023

The Hortgro Bursary will be closing soon, remember to apply by **15 August 2023**. View the [Hortgro Bursary](#) brochure to see the wide spectrum of career choices offered to you. To apply for a Hortgro Bursary visit our [website](#) and fill in the [online application](#).

Hortgro Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics

The Hortgro Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics Booklet for 2023 will be made available in the next month. You can find it under [Publications](#) on the [Hortgro](#) website.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 2023

- **Prophyta Short Course** with its focus on pome and stone production, is presenting its annual 6-day short course in August 2023. More information [here](#). Direct enquiries to Anine Cook at info@prophyta.co.za.
- **Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards 2023** (regional competitions)

SEPTEMBER 2023

- **Provar**: Industry New Cultivar Information Day, 1 September 2023, Slanghoek Mountain Resort, Rawsonville. For more information visit [Provar Events](#).
- **Hortgro Dried Tree Fruit Industry Day**, 5 September 2023, Die Eike, Slanghoek, Rawsonville. For more information visit [Hortgro Events](#).

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[Stone fruit postharvest app](#).

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[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

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

Fresh Notes: [206 MRL Notification – Version 1 – All Deciduous](#)

Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)

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

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

MFM

"My *f*ck Marelize*" het skynbaar nou 'n algemene uitdrukking in ons samelewing geword. MFM wat verwys na 'n insident waar Marelize op 'n oop rugbyveld leer fietsry, en dit regkry om met haar fiets in 'n paal vas te ry! Haar ma wat dan haar ongelof, bybystering en selfs moedeloosheid so kleurvol uitdruk.

Net so staan ek verstom oor die MFM's wat ons ou landjie se bestuur skynbaar oplyn. Die een *own goal* na die ander instede van om die een *home run* na die ander aan te teken—gegewe die potensiaal wat daar op bykans elke terrein in ons samelewing opgesluit lê.

A potential which we are seemingly intent on destroying with ineptness, and an inability to comprehend the dire short-, medium- and long-term consequences of policies, behaviour, or lack of direction and ideologic rhetoric.

With Hortgro being an a-political entity serving a wide range of stakeholders, each with their own ideas, perspectives, and political views, it would be inappropriate of me to convey my personal view on all the MFM's our country is currently logging up. Not only through our "neutral" foreign policies which is a clear threat to our global trade, but also the continued collapse of public services at virtually all levels, unbridled abuse of power, wide-spread neglect, and utter incompetence.

So, I will not venture there! But key issues like restoring energy security, growing the economy and jobs, building better lives—also in rural communities, fighting corruption, safety, and security, and making government work—for us not us working for them—cannot be in dispute.

I am therefore quite sure that we are all united in our demand for serving leadership (political and otherwise), enabling policies, legislation, and competent public service to provide a stable platform for the private sector to grow the economy and create the jobs we require. An environment conducive to profitable commerce and global trade which can contribute to the focus for the required (enabling) infrastructure and services – roads, rail, ports, water, energy, safety, health, education, etc. to be provided.

Die potensiaal is ongetwyfeld daar, maar die vraag bly wat kan en gaan ons as individue, gemeenskappe, groepe en bedryf self (moet) doen, om die agteruitgang te stop, en die potensiaal te ontsluit. Dalk nie meer vir onself nie, maar beslis vir ons kinders, hulle kinders, en hulle kinders.

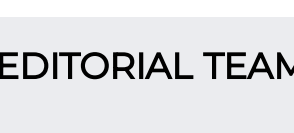
Daarom kan ons nie ophou hoop nie, kan ons nie verdwaas staan nie en moet ons die status quo uitdaag en self begin doen. Ek is nie moedeloos hieroor nie, maar MFM!

Tot volgende keer.

Anton

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness – **Desmond Tutu**

Status quo, you know, is Latin for "the mess we're in" – **Ronald Reagan**



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