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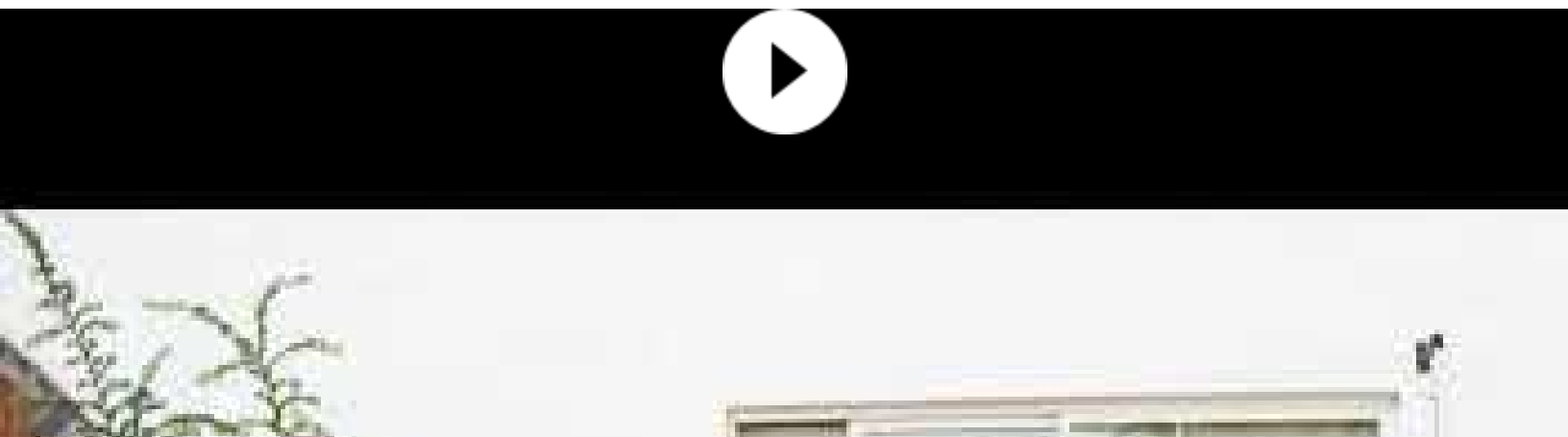


Hortgro invests R50m in bursaries over past decade

Over the past ten years Hortgro has invested R50m in its bursary scheme programme. "An investment in the future of agriculture" as Hortgro Executive Director, Anton Rabe, puts it. Read full story [here](#).

Landbank maak tot R1,5m. beskikbaar aan boere

Produsente wat probleme het met krag of meer krag nodig kan nou by die Landbank aanklop finansiële hulp. Vind die volledige dokument [hier](#).





Watch the above video

Free State strategic engagement

A group of high-ranking government officials from the Free State government and a team from the Remmoho Group, visited Hortgro early in August to explore possible collaboration and get a better understanding of the deciduous fruit industry in South Africa. Read more [here](#).



Pollination best practice webinar

Deciduous fruit, berry and vegetable seed plantings are expanding rapidly each year, driving the need for the beekeeping industry to expand at an even faster pace to service these industries. A pollination best practice seminar was recently held. Watch videos [here](#).



SA's apple and pear exports to China show countertrend growth

Despite the overall decline in South Africa's apple and pear exports to the global market, exports to the Chinese market have experienced a countertrend increase. Read more [here](#).



Fresh Quarterly Issue 22

The latest Fresh Quarterly issue 22 focuses on apple rootstocks. This issue includes a set of tables showing what we have learnt from rootstock evaluations so far, as well as a summary of all our apple-rootstock research.

Our other big topic this month is polyphagous shot-hole borer, Hortgro is working to learn as much about the borers as soon as possible, and the risk it poses to the industry.

Read the issue [here](#).



"Ownership is not transformation"

For South African agriculture to transform and be sustainable, uncomfortable conversations are needed, and issues robustly discussed without pointing fingers. Hortgro addressed this at the recent meeting at the PALS annual general meeting. Read more [here](#).



Better housing, increased production

When you offer a sustainable future to the people you need to help you to produce, you end up with better workers, better production, bigger exports. Assuring more available funds to keep on upgrading their living environment. It's a progressive circle, not a viscous one. SIZA, Sustainable Agriculture in South Africa, provides valuable guideline regarding housing for farm workers. Read more [here](#).



Snuitkewernavorser help eie "genetiese biblioteek" vir Suid-Afrikaanse spesies skep

Entomoloog dr. Steffan Hansen, help om die eerste "genetiese biblioteek" van Suid-Afrikaanse breësnuit-kalenderspesies saam te stel. Lees meer [hier](#).

Onderskrif: Drs. Steffan Hansen, Julien Haran en Remi Allio, tydens 'n onlangse kalender-seminaar by die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. (Foto: E Steenkamp)



Hortgro stepping up climate response

Climate change is real and will stay with us for decades to come no matter what mitigation strategies we undertake today. Read more [here](#).



Tissue Culture Facility's new quarantine service

Tissue Culture Facility at Bernheim Farm has added a certified quarantine facility to their operations. This will enable TCF clients to have certified tissue culture material imported to South Africa. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 2023

- **Hortgro Cherry Annual General Meeting**, 1 September 2023, Ceres Fruit Growers Office. For more information visit [Hortgro Events](#).
- **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](#).

- **FPEF Transformation Webinar**, 19 September 2023, 10:00-12:00. More information [here](#).

- The Optimal Agricultural Business Systems appointed by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture is conducting surveys to evaluate the service needs of different farmer categories in the Western Cape.
[English survey](#) | [Afrikaans survey](#)

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[Stone fruit postharvest app](#).

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[Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics](#)

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

Fresh Notes: [207 PAG Feedback August 2023](#)

Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)

New Roots: [Volume 2 | April 2023](#)

Hortgro News: [All previous issues](#)

→ 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

NOORD OF SUID?

Almal wat al die voorreg gehad het om – soos ek pas weer – die Kgalagadi te besoek, sal weet dat jy by Twee Rivieren net noord kan ry, en by Mata-Mata weer net suid. By Nossob egter, sit jy elke slag wanneer jy wil uitry, met die keuse – is dit noord of is dit suid? Selfs nog meer keuses aan die Botswana/Mabuashehube-kant – omtrent al wat 'n windrigting is, is dan 'n opsie.

Hierdie keuse word soms beïnvloed deur watter diere mense voor jou gesien het en wat op die inligtingsborde aangedui word, of wat jyself op vorige uitrye gesien het. 'n Keuse wat jy moet maak om "toevallig" op die regte tyd, en op die regte plek, te wees. Bietjie van 'n lotery, maar hoe meer tyd jy in die veld deurbring, hoe groter raak jou kanse om iets besonder te ervaar.

At Hortgro we don't have that dilemma. We know exactly what needs to be done, by whom and with what, by when and where, to ensure that we deliver on the expectations and needs of our producers: What is required and essential for them to optimise and grow their businesses, with a mind-set of continuously having to do more with less. But we do believe we can achieve extraordinary things as an industry collective!

The "north or south" wondering and thinking was done over the past 12-18 months with the "Vision of the Future" process and the subsequent review of the Hortgro Strategic Framework—mapping the industry activities and programmes for a new 4-year levy cycle (due to kick off in November 2023) that will provide the required resources and capacitate essential industry services and functions over this period.

Ek kan rapporteer dat die hersieningsproses rakende die hernuwing van statutêre maatreëls (wat gedurende Maart 2023 ingedien is) op koers is. Ons is vol vertroue dat dit betyds gepromulgeer sal word. Die 2023-24 kern- en steenvrugbedryfsbegrotings word tans gefinaliseer en sal vir oorweging en goedkeuring gedurende die derde week van September aan die onderskeie direksies en produsenterade voorgelê word.

Until next time, keep well, and keep focused.

Anton

*My success, part of it certainly, is that I have focussed in on a few things - **Bill Gates***
*The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus – **Bruce Lee***



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