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Kernvrugseisoen | Weereens die weer

Te veel vroegseisoen koue het sommige kernvrugkultivars se set benadeel terwyl te min laatseisoen koue ander se rooi kleurontwikkeling gekelder het. Lees meer **hier**.

Hortgro young leader | Dr Tara Southey

Dr Tara Southey, a graduate of the first Hortgro industry leadership programme talks about climate change and modelling and shares her reflections on the programme. Read more **here**.

Boer korporatief

Om 'n suksesvolle landbouer te wees, moet produsente eienaarskap van bates en die bestuur daarvan, skei. Dit was die boodskap van bekende ekonoom Dawie Roodt verlede week tydens die Inmaakprodusentevereniging se inligtingsdag. Lees meer **hier**.

Agri's Got Talent releases album

AGT alumni and sponsors gathered for the launch of the album "**A Decade of Music – Celebrating 10 Years of Agri's Got Talent**" in Paarl, on 5 July 2024. The live recordings from the AGT 10 Year Reunion Show were captured on the album. Read more **here**.

Landbouwerkers bemagtig deur lesse oor geld

Om landbouwerkers te bemagtig en geldelik selfstandig te maak, het die Vrugtewerkersontwikkelingstrust (VWOT) onlangs 'n finansiële welstandsopleidingsprogram geloods. PROCARE, die werkswinkel diensverskaffer, sê dat finansiële beplanning vir veral landbouwerkers uitdagend is. Lees meer **hier**.

New Roots volume VI

In the previous issues of New Roots, we began navigating the journey that is ahead of us and Hortgo's role in facilitating meaningful progress and impact. We know that in an ever-changing environmental and socio-economic landscape, remaining tenacious, and being competitive at the same time, is not a walk in the park. Read the latest New Roots **here**.

Going green

Nitasha Baijnath-Pillay, Hortgro's Resource Management and Sustainability Manager is currently gathering knowledge on the state of sustainability, its challenges and how Hortgro can contribute from a production and postharvest perspective. Read more **here** about her July excursion.

SA pome shines in Middle East's largest retailers

This is the first year that Hortgro has executed this pome campaign with Lulu, one of the Middle East's largest retailers and within a short period of time has gain great exposure.

Events

- Prophyta 6-day pome & stone fruit industry short course, from 20 August. More info **here**.
- EU market access training in the Western Cape, 12-13 September. More info **here**.
- Provar Information Day 2024, 19 September. More info **here**.

Agri's Got Talent — How to enter

Do you want to be agriculture's next superstar? Well here's your chance. Agri's Got Talent is currently open to participants to enter. Read the guide below on how to enter, send your submissions before **16 August 2024** and you could be the next star of AGT!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

EINTLIK 'n NORMALE WINTER

Die "ou" mense het oor kerk, werk, politiek en die weer gepraat. Kom ons los kerk, werk en politiek en praat oor die weer.

Nadat 'n warm droë winter voorspel is, en 'n warm Mei ons almal bekommerd gemaak het, was Junie koud. Toe kom die tradisionele Kaapse weer in Julie. Daar word gepraat van die "beste" winter en sneeu in 20 of 30 jaar. Met ander woorde in 'n positiewe konteks en klaarblyklik - in elk geval vir die meeste van ons - nie te wyte aan klimaatsverandering nie.

Bloot 'n standaard Kaapse winter waarmee ek groot geword het. Ons het al selfs erger winters beleef. En hoewel 50, 100 en selfs 200 jaar uitskieters nou meer dikwels voorkom, kan en gaan dit weer gebeur.

Dit is na my mening klimaatsverandering en dit is waarvoor ons infrastruktuur, rivier-lope en brûe so moet herstel om soortgelyke en erger insidente te weerstaan. Indien nie, gaan ons weer en weer skade moet herstel en kan en gaan daar nie net ekonomiese skade wees nie, maar selfs lewensverlies.

Dus moet boorde en nedersettings, veral die informele woonbuurte in die Kaapse metro en dorpe in die Boland, nie in laagliggende areas gevestig of hervestig word nie.

Ek het in die Kaapse Vlakte groot geword. Daar is vleie en nat areas wat tradisioneel in die winter maande onder water is. Met groot areas wat plavei is, paaie en baie meer dakke, moet die water op ander maniere in die grond en by die see kom. Dit moet in ag geneem word vir langtermyn beplanning.

En hoewel my hart bloei vir diegene wat die laaste weke ontheem en ontwrig is, en skade gelei het, moes hulle eintlik nooit daar gevestig het nie, en moet beslis nie daar hervestig word nie.

Tot volgende keer.
Anton

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather - Anon

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

- **Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics**
  - Latest 2023 statistics
  - Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics booklet 2022
- **Fresh Quarterly**
  - Issue 25 Honeybees and pollination
- **Timely Hints**
  - August/ Augustus 2024
- **Fresh Notes**
  - 214 Presence of spotted wing Drosophila & 215 MRL Notification
- **New Roots**
  - Volume 6 | August 2024
- **Hortgro News**
  - All previous issues
- **Fruit South Africa** Transformation Summary

→ INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

- All of Hortgro's online platforms in one place, link **here**
- E-mail info@hortgro.co.za for more information

→ HORTGRO YOUTUBE

- Vind ons videobiblioteek vol bedryfsinligting hier.
- PLUS: 36 Boordopleiding video's nou beskikbaar in AFRIKAANS, XHOSA en ENGELS

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