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Groot Geeste Groet | Hugh Campbell en Louis van Zyl

Both Hugh Campbell and Louis van Zyl served Hortgro for 26 years. The industry would be much poorer without them. We salute their service!

Read more about **Hugh's** journey **From Helderberg to Hortgro** [here](#).

Lees meer oor **Louis van Zyl, Hortgro se Rentmeester** [hier](#).



'Many cogs in Hortgro Science machine' celebrated

Hortgro Science, the South African deciduous fruit industry research engine, recently held its annual Thank-You Breakfast in Stellenbosch. Prof. Wiehann Steyn, Hortgro Science General Manager, said that the event was a celebration and expression of gratitude to everyone who participated in research efforts over the past year. Read more [here](#).



Fresh Quarterly #27 Dec 2024

Hortgro Science technology-transfer publication has reached a milestone, publishing more than 1000 pages of science communication since its inception in 2018. This edition addresses digital technology and advances in our industry, digital agriculture/horticulture. Read more [here](#).



Fruit industry gears up for productive export season

Transnet's Cape Town Terminals are preparing for a successful deciduous fruit export season with a fleet boost of over 70 pieces of additional equipment and the appointment of more operators. This strategic investment is intended to improve efficiency and streamline fruit exports. Read more [here](#).

[Prokon Stone Fruit Report](#)

[Prokon Pome Fruit Report](#)



Optimism about cherry season

Despite frost heavily affecting early cherry varieties, cherry growers remain positive about the overall quality of this season's harvest and the promising opportunities available in both local and international markets. Read

more [here](#).



Centre of Excellence launched

The South African deciduous fruit industry proudly announced the launch of a Centre of Excellence dedicated to advancing pest monitoring and safeguarding the future of the industry. This new initiative, spearheaded by industry association Hortgro, addresses the increasing challenges posed by invasive pests and diseases. Read more [here](#).

KYK: Anton Rabe praat oor die vooruitsigte vir die sagtevrugtebedryf

DIE VOORUITSIGTE VIR PLAASLIKE VRUGTEMARKTE





Beat the heat | Smart Agri Flyers

Agri workers are in the orchards every day, sunshine, rain, and snow. Dr Stephanie Midgley and team created Smart Agri flyers for workers negotiating heatwave conditions, as part of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's climate change awareness campaign. Download your flyers in English, Afrikaans, isiXhosa or Sesotho [here](#).

Number of Plants available in Tunnels

PEAR		APPLE		VINES		STONEFRUIT	
BP 1	1 662	G202	8 318	Paulsen	3625	Flodaguard	95
		G210	3040			Atlas	10 077
		G228	224			Cadaman	976
						Marianna	594
						GF677	1 050
						Titan SG1	1 975
						Maxma60	350
						Maxma14	6 556
						Gisela 13	8 490
						Guardian	13 000
						Sapo 778	50



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Plants for production 2025

Pear Rootstock	Apple Rootstock	Peach/Almond Rootstock
BP1	G202	Atlas
	G214	Barrier 1
	G228	Cadaman
	G757	Flodaguard
	G778	GF677
	G890	SAPO 778
	M9-N29	Marianna
	M9 T337	Viking

Upcoming Events

- Hortgro Footprint Webinar | Green Financing for pome and stone fruit growers, 11 December 2024. Get the zoom link by contacting [Lindy Sigonyela](#).
- SAVE THE DATE: Hortgro Science Research Showcase, Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West (3 and 4 June 2025)
- SAVE THE DATE: Hortgro Post-harvest Symposium, Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West (5 June 2025)

UIT DIE UITVOERENDE DIREKTEUR SE PEN

Groot Geeste Groet

Soos die Grootboek sê: "Daar is 'n tyd om te kom en daar is 'n tyd om gaan".

Hortgro groet twee groot geeste wat die afgelope 25+ jaar diep spore in die bedryf getrap het. In my boek val hulle in dieselfde liga as bedryfslegendes van die era voor de-regulering en is hulle onskatbare bydrae nog nie regtig bedryfswyd erken en waardeer nie.

Ons gaan dit eers sien en ervaar as hulle nie meer betrokke is nie. Gelukkig is hulle nie onmiddellik heeltemal "weg" nie.

Hugh Campbell was die eerste nuwe aanstelling na deregulering en het in Januarie 1998 by die destydse Sagtevrugte-Produsentetrust (SPT) begin. Louis van Zyl was nie ver agter nie, en het in November 1998 by 'n klein spannetjie aangesluit wat ver bo hulle gewig geboks het. Dit was tawwe tye en dié twee se bydrae om die spreekwoordelik skip op hulle onderskeie terreine te help stabiliseer, is moeilik kwantifiseerbaar. Dat dit enorm was, is gewis.

Ek erken graag hulle rol en bydrae. Ek weet wat dit van ons almal geverg het om die bedryf-strukture, wat ons vandag amper as vanselfsprekend aanvaar, te bring tot waar dit is. Met sterk produsente steun, grootliks ingelig en betrokke, met 'n stabiele befondsingsbasis, tesame met 'n kundige en passievolle personeelkorps, glo ek dat 'n effektiewe en doelmatige diens aan ons lede, en eintlik in die wyer landbou, gelewer word. Hugh en Louis het daadwerklik help bou hieraan.

Beide tree uit voltydse diens, maar sal steeds vir 'n periode beskikbaar wees om spesifieke kwessies te hanteer en 'n soomlose oorgang na 'n nuwe era te verseker. Hugh, hoofsaaklik in die plantmateriaal omgewing waar daar nog 'n plantverbeteringsaksies in plek gesit moet word, asook die fasilitering van 'n nuwe 5-jaar strategie vir Hortgro Science. Louis weer sal help om die bedryf se finansies na Dirk Crafford oor te gee, en 'n klompie ander bedryfs sub-strukture take te voltooi.

Hulle onskatbare institusionele bedryfskennis sal dus nie oornag verdwyn nie, maar sinvol oor die komende maande uitfaseer word. Dit gaan hand aan hand met 'n groter oorgangsproses binne Hortgro waar die uwe se aantal seisoene ook besig is om min te raak. 'n Sogenaamde "oorgangskomitee" is deur die onderskeie direksies aangewys wat sal help om 'n stabiele oorgang na 'n nuwe era en 'n nuwe generasie van bestuur te verseker. In die proses is ons besig om kern en nie-kern (core and non-core) take en aktiwiteite te skei om te verseker dat Hortgro Pome en Hortgro Stone se operasionele behoeftes sinvol geskei word van ander take en aktiwiteite wat met ander bedrywe en binne sub-strukture gedeel en hanteer word.

My opregte dank en waardering aan Hugh en Louis wat altyd bereid was om die ekstra myl te stap in absolute diensbaarheid en lojaliteit aan 'n bedryf wat dit nie altyd gesien het nie of dit dalk as vanselfsprekend aanvaar het.

Vir my was en is niks vanselfsprekend nie. Julle is ysters, groot geeste en legendes in eie reg en laat skoene agter wat nie maklik gevul sal word nie. Ek salueer julle.

Tot volgende keer,
Anton

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others – Pericles

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it - William James

Legacy is not leaving something for people. It's leaving something in people - Peter Strople

→ HORTGRO PUBLICATIONS

- **Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics**
 - [Latest 2023 statistics](#)
 - [Key Deciduous Fruit Statistics booklet 2022](#)
- **Fresh Quarterly**
 - [Issue 26 Symposium Special Edition](#)
- **Timely Hints**
 - [December/Desember 2024](#)
- **Fresh Notes**
 - [214 Presence of spotted wing Drosophila & 215 MRL Notification](#)
- **New Roots**
 - [Volume 7 | October 2024](#)
- **Hortgro News**
 - [All previous issues](#)
- **Fruit South Africa [Transformation Summary](#)**

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- 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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