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Onderstamtekorte 2018: Perske/Nektarien-aanplantings

Produsente moet asseblief kennis neem dat kwekerie tans **'n groot tekort** aan onderstamme vir veral perskes en nektariens ondervind. Dit gaan beteken dat kwekerie waarskynlik nie alle **bestellings vir 2018 aanplantings sal kan nakom nie.**

Produsente word versoek om **dringend met kwekerie te skakel** om vas te stel wat die situasie met betrekking tot hulle eie bestellings is en waar moontlik, alternatiewe te oorweeg.

Daar is 'n verskeie redes vir die huidige tekort aan onderstamme: 'n swak bewortelings persentasie van klonale onderstamme; 'n hoë aanvraag na amandelbome; 'n tekort aan Kakamas-pitte vanuit SAPO se moederblok bronne. Daarbenewens het operasionele probleme, tesame met droogte-strestoestande en watertekorte, verder tot die tekort bygedra.

Hierdie kwessies word tans indiepte ondersoek om 'n herhaling te voorkom. Die uitbreiding van nuwe moederblokke word ook tans deur SAPO ondersoek om pitbronne vir 2019 aanplantings verder aan te vul. Verder word die invoer van weefselkultuur onderstamme om die 2018 bronne aan te vul, ook oorweeg.

Hortgro sal die situasie deurlopend monitor en in noue samewerking met SAPO verseker dat die minimum ontwingting vir 2018 ondervind word en verseker dat produsente en kwekerie ingelig bly.

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Rootstock shortages 2018: Peach/Nectarines plantings

Producers should note that nurseries are currently experiencing **a major shortage** of nectarine and peach rootstocks. This means that nurseries **may not be able to fulfil orders for the 2018 planting season**.

Producers are **urged to contact nurseries** to determine the current situation regarding their own orders and, where possible, to agree to alternative rootstocks and/or make other arrangements.

There are a number of reasons for the current shortage of rootstocks, including poor rooting percentage of clonal rootstocks, high demand for almond trees and a shortage of Kakamas pips from SAPO's mother block source.

Operational problems, together with stress conditions caused by the drought and water shortages, further contributed to the current situation.

These issues are currently being reviewed and investigated to prevent a similar situation in the future. The establishment of new mother blocks is also being investigated by SAPO to supplement pip sources for the 2019 planting season. The importation of tissue culture rootstocks is being considered to supplement material for the 2018 season.

Hortgro in collaboration with SAPO will monitor the current situation on a continuous basis to ensure that disruption of the 2018 season will be kept to a minimum, and that producers and nurseries are informed of any developments.

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