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# A discussion on revival agriculture in Askham

AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON GEMSBOK-UPINGTON: A discussion on revival agriculture, organized by two residents of Askham, Laura Allais and Hannatjie van der Westhuizen, was attended by farmers from the area.

Using a number of examples, dr Hendrik Smith, Conservation Agriculture Facilitator at ASSET Research, opened the discussion with a talk on why revival agriculture is needed and its beginnings.

Jennifer Speedy, a third generation farmer between Kuruman and Vryburg, gave a fascinating talk about their holistic grazing management system, a form of revival agriculture, which they have been working on for decades.

She explained how their ‘wagon wheel camp system’ works, how and when they move cattle herds, how big the herds are, its benefits and how the whole is managed.

Follow this link to read more about their systems: <https://www.farmersweekly.co.za/animals/cattle/implementing-holistic-grazing-management-plan/>

Laura Allais shared some of her experiences with medium to small organic vegetable farming over a period of seven years in the United Arab Emirates. She pointed out how much of a difference it made to use the beginnings of revival agriculture in these types of systems. Although they had water for irrigation, the climate was very hot and dry, with temperatures not dropping below 32 , because the ten at least three months of the year. Revival agriculture is currently being very widely promoted and described in the literature as well as on social media.

It is applied very successfully around the world by thousands of farmers, small and large, in just about any situation.

However, it is not yet really applied on a large

scale in the southern Kalahari.

The feeling among the group was that it would be very necessary to deal with the challenges of the region.

Getting started in this agriculture requires a paradigm shift, which is often a deeply personal decision - it’s about your beliefs and understanding of the problems, as well as the solutions to them.

The next step is to just start doing it, even if only on a small scale.

Farmers who do this testifies to the benefits to the environment, as well as to the farmers’ economic sustainability.

These stories of success are spreading around the world and convincing many people.

As for Askham, there is hope that a study group of interested farmers will be formed, where local and other challenges and success stories can be shared so that farmers can make it faster and apply and adapt to the environment.



’n Groep belangstellendes het die gesprek oor herlewingslandbou wat op Askham gehou is, bygewoon. Laura Allais het haar ervaringe met medium tot kleinorganiese groenteboerdery met die groep gedeel.



SA citrus exporters considering Maputo’s harbour

AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – Just more than a decade ago, South African citrus growers used to send 60 000 pallets through Mozambique’s Maputo harbour.

Now South African citrus exporters are turning once again to the port in Maputo, as an alternative after having been impacted first by the unrest in KwaZulu-Natal and then by Transnet ports’ IT system being hit by a cyberattack, causing huge backlogs.

There is currently a backlog of fruit across the citrus supply chain causing temporary delays when it comes to fruit being exported to key markets. In order to ease pressure on South African ports, growers are diverting fruit to the Maputo port.

It is the peak period for citrus exports and about 45% still needs to be shipped, according to Justin Chadwick, CEO of the Citrus Growers’ Association of Southern Africa (CGA). Exporters will now have to choose if they want to use the Mozambican route again.

Many have indicated that Maputo is part of their future plans, according to Chadwick. Exporting citrus via Maputo is, however, a more expensive option as port costs are US dollar-denominated. There will also be additional costs such as border-crossing fees.

“Border crossing and customs and phytosanitary clearance have certainly posed a logistical challenges. As for security, there are no more challenges via Maputo than there are with moving fruit through KwaZulu-Natal,” said Chadwick. “With more of Transnet’s IT systems coming back online all the time, it is expected that the current disruptions will be short-lived and will have a minimal impact on the current export season. The CGA will continue working closely with Transnet and service providers across the citrus value chain to address any blockages, ease current backlogs and ensure fruit continues to be exported to key markets across the globe.”

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# Soetland Byery bringing sweetness to life for more than three decades

AGRI PULSE - LICHTENBURG - André Slabbert from Lichtenburg started farming with bees 34 years ago as a hobby while working as a radio technician. He and a friend farmed with bees in their spare time and started with 50 boxes.

In those years they got R4 per kilogram for honey and paid R50 for a beehive. He says there are two facets in beekeeping namely pollination and honey. He says that in the evenings after work they put the boxes out on farms with his small Datsun bakkie for pollination. His friend left the partnership at some point and he then expanded his beekeeping to 300 hives.

André has been farming bees full time for 17 years now and involved his son André junior 12 years ago after an unexpected incident at his home that left him in a wheelchair. He and his son were shot during an armed robbery and spent six months in hospital. He says it was a big adjustment for him because he suddenly could no longer run his beekeeping as before.

He says that the majority of their pollination is done for Pannar seed and they also place beehives on farms at eucalyptus plantations, sunflower fields and in natural forest. Soetland Byery currently has 2000 beehives and a few trucks that transport the beehives. The big challenge that also depends on nature is to



have food for the bees at all time. According to André, it takes between 6 months to a year for a greenhouse bee to produce, depending on whether it is a weak or good swarm. He says a box with bees currently costs R2500, for beeswax a beekeeper gets about R150 to R250 per kilogram, but they use it again to put it back in the boxes.

André says a beekeeper is dependent on nature for his crops and if it is a dry year, it is also a weaker year for beekeeping. He says in a good year a hive produces 40 kilograms of honey and beekeepers currently receive R75 per kilogram for loose honey. He says Soetland Byery's honey is mostly sold in bulk in cities but they bottle and also sell raw honey locally.

The challenges facing beekeepers today are far greater than in the past. They often experience theft from beehives or eucalyptus plantations are cut down where cupboards stand and then the honey is stolen and cupboards are also looted in the process. Beekeepers are currently pleading with the government to amend legislation so that these insects are declared livestock so that the theft and looting of beehives is considered livestock theft with much more serious consequences for criminals. Beekeepers play an important role for agricultural producers who need pollination for their crops. Another disadvantage of bee-farming is that it is no longer safe to work at night.

"Beekeeping requires a person with a calm and peaceful temperament, you can not get in a hurry. You have to have a deep-rooted love for it because it is a long process that takes hard work and takes time to get off the ground. At the beginning I paid a lot of school fees, book knowledge and experience are needed to make the farming with bees a success," says André.



Steven Mhlaba and Wessel Motswana are two employees of Soetland Byery who have been involved in bee-farming for years and are responsible for extracting the honey from the hives.



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# 12 National parks go cash-free from September

**AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON** - The South African National Parks (SANParks) says it will be going cash-free from 1 September 2021.

The cash free payment system will be implemented in two phases with several parks implementing this approach from the 2021/22 financial year and the remaining parks implementing the system in the 2022/ 23 fiscal year.

“From 1 September cash will no longer be accepted as a method of payment in some of the parks. SANParks clients will be encouraged to make use of pre-booking payment systems and or speed point payment system in parks.

"All trade and tourism activities will be cash-free and therefore cash will not be accepted," SANParks Chief Financial Officer, Dumisani Dlamini, said.

He said while emphasise is placed on minimising the risk associated with the handling of cash by staff with the cash-free system, above all, improving customer convenience is key as the cash free payment system will reduce the contact time at entry points particularly during peak times.

"This will cut down on queueing time and increase the time for visitors to enjoy the parks," Dlamini said.

Out of a total of 20 national parks spread across the seven provinces of the country, with the exception of KwaZulu-Natal and the North West, 12 national parks will go cash-free from 1 September 2021.

These include the Garden Route, consisting of Knysna, Wilderness and Tsitsikamma, Agulhas, Richtersveld and Namaqua in the Northern Cape, Table Mountain, Tankwa Karoo, West Coast in the Western Cape, Mountain Zebra, Camde-

boo, Addo Elephant in the Eastern Cape as well as Mapungubwe in Limpopo and the Golden Gate Highlands National Park in the Free State.

"This is a step towards environmental responsibility and promotes ease of use, visit a cash free park today and #LiveYourWild," Dlamini said.



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# Rainbow colours of the Namakwa flowers in full swing



Photos by Reginal Christiaan

**AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON** - The Namakwa region of the Northern Cape welcomes is in full bloom of the annual flowers season. Following good rains received in the area, the region has experienced the first flowers sightings.

The MEC of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, honourable Mr Abraham Vosloo welcome the flower season. “The Namakwa region is blessed with clear skies and day time temperatures above 20 degrees Celsius from Monday to Saturday, except for Sunday when we are expecting rain and low day time temperatures. I would like to remind our visitors to plan their trip accordingly and make their bookings in line with the Covid-19 safety and health protocols at all our establishments in the Namakwa. The Northern Cape’s Namakwa region during the flower season will become the peak area of the visitor’s arrivals from all the corners of South Africa. I am happy for the businesses in the region as this will be a peak time of the season for them to generate income as we all know the businesses have been negatively affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We are happy to welcome the flower enthusiasts to the Northern Cape, I wish them a safe journey throughout the province, and also remind all

our visitors and residents to adhere to the Covid-19 safety protocols. Let us follow the safety rules and ensure we create a long-lasting flower season memories”, mentioned MEC Vosloo. The flower hotspots have been reported in Calvinia Hantam mountains, Namaqua National Park, Kamieskroon, Springbok, NabaBeep and other surrounding area. There are also succulent nurseries along the flower route which the flower enthusiasts can visit in Springbok, Calvinia and Nieuwoudtsville near Van Rhynsdorp. For more flower hotspot please call the flower hotline number on 072 760 6019. Also please follow the NCTA social media platforms on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates. \*\*\* For more information please contact Mr Tebogo Velemba at the Northern Cape Tourism Authority on 071 462 3150, or email: [tebogo@experiencenortherncape.com](mailto:tebogo@experiencenortherncape.com).



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The foliage project provides employment to several people. Each picker is paid per kg of leaves.

# RedSun Leaf Project 2021

AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON - Redsun Raisins started a foliage project in 2018 to give people the opportunity to generate an extra income. The kick-off was full of bumps and hurdles, and it was difficult to convince producers of all the benefits, but they gave the project another chance. In 2018, Redsun harvested just over 6 tons of leaves. In 2019 they harvested 91 tons of leaves in 57 days and in 2020 in 39 days 100 tons of leaves! As is well known, good summer foliage management practices are beneficial to the physiology of the vine by providing better air management in the plant. Direct outgrowth of this practice ensures better fertility in the plant. Better summer foliage management practices also contribute to more even and earlier sugar accumulation in the cluster. By breaking leaves, it helps with setting the bunch and stimulating the plant. These are just a few benefits to the plant by breaking leaves. The harvest of leaves begins after the blossoming stage. Only sultana and merbein leaves are suitable for further processing. The other big advantage is that it is job-creating. The producer has no expenses. Redsun has trusted contractors who have been picking leaves for three years and who come in with their team of people to pick leaves, however

the producer can make available his own people to harvest without any expense. Each picker is paid per kg of leaves and not per daily wage. The more he or she picks, the more income the picker earns. Here is feedback from some of the contractors: I experienced the project very positively. The income from the project was for me personally like manna from heaven. My business has been experiencing a Covid drought with no revenue for several months. My last income was at the end of May 2020. The leaf project's income was a welcome windfall so shortly before Christmas. Would I recommend it to other farmers? I will definitely quote it for other farmers. At first I thought it was a time consuming process to be able to pick enough blister to make it worthwhile. I'm starting to notice that the pickers who use the right technique to harvest pick enough leaves to earn more than the minimum wage per week. The more leaves the pickers harvest, the more the contractor's income. The leaf project has the potential to voice one of our great job creation projects. Especially during a time of year where we are not really earning an income. Special word of thanks to all the landowners who make their vineyards available for the project For more details, contact Lorna Basson on 064 786 1783 (lorna@redsun.co.za) of Stry's Strauss on 082 775 1952.

## WANTED: the best of South Africa's most popular wine cultivar

AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON This year's quest to find the best wines of South Africa's most popular cultivar has just begun. Entries for the 2021 Sauvignon Blanc SA Top 10 Competition, the only competition in the country committed to Sauvignon Blanc, are now open. According to Sauvignon Blanc SA chair, RJ Botha, this annual competition plays an important role in promoting the image of Sauvignon Blanc, the country's top selling variety. "The Top 10 competition not only offers the opportunity to producers to compare their wines against other Sauvignon Blanc in the country, but also to be awarded for excellence with a Top 10 award – the ultimate recognition and exceptionally valuable when it comes to the marketing of individual wines. We are thankful for the support of our platinum partners, FNB and EVER Solutions, for making this influential competition possible."

ENTER ONLINE AGAIN AND A SPECIAL EARLY BIRD OFFER Producers and cellars can, as in the past two years, enter the competition online on Sauvignon Blanc SA's website at [www.sauvignonblanc.com/top10-entry](http://www.sauvignonblanc.com/top10-entry). Members can enter at a reduced early bird rate during the first week (until Sunday 1 August 2021) with no increase in entry fees over the past two years. Entries close on Tuesday 17 August 2021, with late entries being accepted until Friday 20 August 2021. Botha says the cultivar organisation would like to encourage and challenge all producers – big and small – to enter, and that they look forward to welcoming new brands.

"What stood out over the past few years is winemakers' innovation in the style and flavour profiles of Sauvignon Blanc, which is especially exciting given the future potential of more wooded Sauvignon Blanc wines. This, as well as the potential of the diversity in origin with last year's Top 10 coming from no less than seven different regions. We have high expectations of the 2021 vintage, but as we have seen in recent years, there are always older vintages that also perform excellently." A panel of leading wine experts will evaluate the contenders from Tuesday 31 August to Thursday 2 September 2021 at Uitkyk Estate in Stellenbosch. The judges make use of tailor-made technology on tablets developed in collaboration with Stellenbosch University to make the judging process Covid-19 friendly, faster, and more accurate, as well as to collect additional wine profile

data and more useful cultivar information for future research. This year's judging panel consists of Dr Winifred Bowman, Cape Wine Master and panel convener, Charles Hopkins, cellar master of De Grendel, wine judge and author Fiona McDonald, winemaker Rudger van Wyk of Stark-Condé Wines, Johann Fourie, head winemaker of Benguela Cove, as well as two protégé judges. The 20 finalists will be announced in September, while the Top 10 winners will be announced on Wednesday 13 October 2021 during the Sauvignon Blanc SA Top 10 Awards. A technical seminar that conveys information about the Top 10, will be held on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at Allée Bleue outside Franschoek. Anyone can become a member of Sauvignon Blanc SA to enjoy the benefits of shared expertise. For more information, or to subscribe to a regular newsletter, visit [www.sauvignonblanc.com](http://www.sauvignonblanc.com), call 021 975 4440 or send an email to [reINETTE@sauvignonblanc.com](mailto:reINETTE@sauvignonblanc.com). Join discussions on social media about the #SauvignonBlancSATop10 and follow Sauvignon Blanc SA on Twitter as @SauvignonSA and on Facebook and Instagram as @sauvignonblancsa.



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## Pekin Bantam

AGRI-PULSE - RUSTENBURG - The breed (Pekin Bantam) is originally from China/Asia and it is classified as a true bantam soft feather.

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Bold, rather forward but low, the head not much higher than the tail and the ideal type is like a round "feather ball".

The body is short and broad. The breast must be deep and full and the back increasing in breadth to the saddle, which should be very full, rise well from between the shoulders, and be furnished with long soft feathers. Small short wings tightly tucked, the ends hidden by the saddle hackle. Very short full tail, soft and without hard quill feathers, abundant covers almost hiding the main feathers, the whole tail forming one unbroken curve with the back and saddle.

The head must be as follow, the skull must be small and fine, the beak is rather short but stout, slightly curved, the eyes are large and bright, the comb is single, small, firm, perfectly straight and erect, well separated, curved from front to back. The face is smooth and fine, ear-lobes smooth and fine, nearly as long as the wattles and the wattles must be long, ample and smooth, neatly rounded.

The legs are short and well apart, stout thighs hidden by the fluff that grows between the

saddle and the thighs. The hocks are completely covered with soft feathers curling around the joint and standing well out. (Note: Stiff feathers, "vulture hocks" are objectionable, but not a disqualification.) Short thick shanks abundantly covered with soft outstanding feathers. Toes (four) strong and straight, the middle and the outer plentifully covered with soft feathers to their ends.

Comb, face, wattles and earlobes are a bright red, the feet should be yellow except where otherwise specified, but the soles should always be yellow. The eye colour varies from colour to colour depending on what colour the chicken is.

Pekins' eggs range in colour from white to brown, and they are sitters. Pekins come in different colours mottled, black, blue, white, partridge etc.

### Frizzle Pekin Bantam

The Frizzle Pekin bantam basically has the same standards as the Pekin bantam, except the plumage, the feathers is moderately long, broad and crisp, each feather curled towards the bird's head, and the frizzling as close and abundant as possible.

In recent years we have seen quite a variety of Frizzle Pekins on our shows. The main colour varieties shown were: Black, White, Blue, Buff, Partridge, Lavender, Mottled, Cuckoo and Millefleur. There is practically no reason why it couldn't be seen in all recognised varieties. The colour description of Pekins is applicable.

In closing, it is recommended to any breeders of Frizzle Pekins to remember, you are breeding Frizzle on regular Pekins or vice versa and not Frizzle on Frizzle.

For more information please contact Rustenburg Poultry Club: Hanri at 083 465 1486, Dawie at 071 196 7696 or Marlize at 072 668 1495; Email: rustenburgpoultryclub@gmail.com.



## Resilience key to Senwes' record financial results

AGRI PULSE - The financial results of the Senwes Group reflect a 57,7% increase in turnover amounting to R7,6 billion (2020: R4,8 billion) while earnings before interest, depreciation and amortisation increased by 61,1% from R0,6 billion to R1,0 billion.

A profit attributable to normal equity holders of R526 million was delivered, representing an increase of 73,6% from the R303 million of the corresponding period of the previous year.

"Globally, the year 2020/21 will be remembered not only for the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also as a time of great instability, digital transformation and the rapid transition to a new norm. On home soil the agricultural sector had to further contend with a season of extremes, ranging from wildfires, floods, crop pests and animal diseases to a record maize crop and continued favourable market prospects," said Francois Strydom, Group Chief Executive Officer.

He added that the Group's stable financial performance is dependent on Senwes' agility and its ability to reinvent in order to meet the future needs

of its diverse client base. "By reimagining our future as an agri-business we not only reaffirmed our commitment to relevance, innovation and value creation, but also enabled our stakeholders to re-envision and ultimately re-engineer their own business potential".

Other financial highlights are a final dividend declaration of 32 cents per share (2020: 30 cents) with a special dividend of 26 cents per share (2020: 0 cents), while the net asset value of the group increased to R17,6 per share (2020: R15,1 p/share). Earnings per share of 307,2 cents were delivered, which is 72,3% higher than the 178,3 cents/share for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Cash generated from operating activities increased by 67% from R545 million in 2020 to R910 million and the group's input service channel showed a profit of R584 million - a 294,6% improvement on the previous year's performance. The market access channel grew by 12,9% and a profit of R210 million was recorded.

### Prospects

"The expectations for the 2021 harvest, as reported by the Crop Estimate Committee, are a national maize harvest of more than 16 million tonnes, while international commodity prices were at good levels over the past year. The lower interest rates brought about huge savings for all businesses and expectations are therefore positive from both a cash flow and a profitability point of view. It will certainly indicate higher planting intentions for the 2021/22 season, provided that rainfall patterns support this," said Strydom.

Francois Strydom, Group Chief Executive Officer of Senwes.

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# Oven grilled-lamb neck



Chef Gregory Stark en and sous chef Marietjie Smit shared their secret tot the to cooking the celestial and sought after Slow Oven Roasted Lamb Neck that keeps locals and visitors comming back to the Red Ox Steakhouse in Upington.

AGRI-PULSE - The secret to cooking the celestial and sought after Slow Oven Roasted Lamb Neck that keeps locals and visitors comming back to the Red Ox Steakhouse in Upington is fanally revealed! Like Virginia Woolf said in A Room of One's Own - "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well." With each visit to the Red Ox Steakhouse they promise an outstanding service from their friendly staff and to top it all off, you will not be disappointed by the flavourful dishes prepared by their top chef and top notch kitchen staff. Meals to die for and flavour to fill your palate will assure that you will come back for a second taste. Lamb neck is rather underrated. But given the right

cooking methods, lamb neck can be a firm family favourite when sitting down for a tasty weekend roast. It's also a handy option for Easter weekend, when people come together to celebrate faith, family and feasting. Instead of spending hours in front of the stove, you can simply pop this dish into the oven, and rather use this precious time to connect with your loved ones. There really is only one way to cook a lamb neck: it needs to be slow-cooked, so that the juices work their magic on the meat, and flavour the potatoes and other veggies. There's no point in cooking lamb's neck at all if it isn't allowed to become fall-off-the-bone tender.

Follow this link <https://bit.ly/redoxgebaktelamsnek> and hang out with chef Gregory and sauce chef Marietjie



## The Red Ox Slow Oven Roasted Lamb Neck

### Serving suggestion:

Thicken the broth with corn flour, Bisto or Knorr Brown Roux. Serve with mashed potatoes, seasonal veggies and a glass of a medium-bodied red wine like Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir and lamb are often a perfect match because the acidity and bright fruit notes in Pinot Noir act as a nice foil for the earthy richness in lamb.

### Ingredients:

- 1 Lamb Neck raw 1kg
- 1 Large Onion cut in 1/4
- 5 Cloves
- 150ml Water
- 150ml Red Wine
- 6 Tablespoons Red Ox Spice

### Method:

Pre-heat the oven at 180°C. Rub the neck with Red Ox Spice and place in a deep oven dish. Add cloves, wine and water and cover the dish with tin foil. Roast the neck at 180°C for three to three and a half hours.



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# Government declares national drought disaster

AGRI-PULSE - UPINGTON: Urgent request from farmers in drought-stricken areas in the Western, Northern and Eastern Cape provinces for drought relief did not fall on deaf ears and Agri SA welcomed the national declaration of drought disaster issued on 20 July 2021 by Dr Tau, head of the National Disaster Management Center.

Parts of the Northern, Eastern and Western Cape have been hit hard by an average of 6 to 9 years of drought and should be affected by various government interventions. Further assistance is urgently needed to stabilize local economies and preserve the remains of nuclear herds. Farmers and communities also receive ongoing assistance from the private sector, donors and ordinary people. "It is a positive step for the government to acknowledge the plight of this area, which is suffering from the severe catastrophic drought conditions, by calculating a disaster declaration," said Willem Symington, Agri SA chairman of the Center for Excellent Natural Resources. "We hope that there is sufficient action and assistance to help the agricultural sector and local economies to cope with the effects of the catastrophic drought."

The Northern Cape has experienced less than average rainfall over the past eight years. Farmers say it was the worst drought in 100 years. About 166 000 farms (5.8 million hectares) in the province are experiencing drought conditions. Last year, the province was also declared a disaster area and R300 million was released from emergency funds. This year, the picture does not look very different.

"Despite heavy rains earlier this year, there is severe drought in most of the western and southern parts of the Northern Cape" Mase Manopole, the Northern Cape MEC for Agriculture, Environmental Affairs, Land Reform and Rural Development said in her recent budget speech.

So far, more than 700 tons of lucerne from the provincial feed bank have been distributed to farmers needed due to the drought. The feed bank will continue planting lucerne.

Meanwhile, drought conditions are being monitored using modern and innovative technologies. This technology contains data that is observed remotely using satellite data that is translated into images with comparative properties. It is supported by spectral images on drones, which are used to detect changes in vegetation, density and species composition.

She said in the current year, the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development granted the provincial department R35,689 million in drought funding, which was issued to 3907 farmers in Namakwa, ZF Mgcawu and PixleyKa Seme districts. is.

**The funding was awarded as follows:**  
ZFM district = 1475 farmers (existence 8, smallholder 1453, commercial 14)  
Namakwa district = 1965 farmers  
Pixley Ka Seme = 467 farmers (exists 54, smallholder 124, commercial 289)  
According to Manopele, the drought did not affect the flow of the main river that feeds

the irrigation areas of the Northern Cape. As a result, the planting of winter crops such as wheat and barley normally continued at this time of year. Significant expansion in the planting of pecans was experienced and a clear swing from wine grapes to dried grapes was noticed due to favorable raisin prices.  
In terms of the powers conferred on Dr Tau,

he calls on state organs to strengthen existing structures and activate emergency plans to address the disaster. He called on the South African National Defense Force, the South African Police Service and any other state body to support the National Disaster Management Center in preparing and submitting reports on the drought conditions.





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**AGRIPULSE – BRITS** - In his youth, Toni Mazur, the owner of the Langberg Organic Boutique Farm, on the R511 Thabazimbi road, just outside Brits, looked at the Brits farming landscape and noticed an absence of trees. Since he was a child and drove through this area, it bothered him that in the absence of trees, there was also little space for wildlife to prosper and as an avid environmentalist, he was motivated to create a forest and a haven for wildlife.

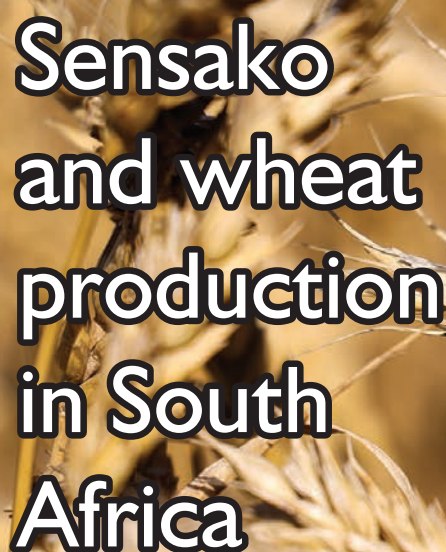
After commuting between the Netherlands and South Africa for a number of years doing greenhouse management and farming, Toni was finally able to realise his dream of creating his own forest in Brits. The first trees were planted in 2005 on a bare weed covered land. Toni, with only two helpers, planted 800 pecan trees which he nurtures personally by going through the land each day and inspecting the trees, ensuring the watering process is efficient and eliminating pests such as *mistletoe*. Toni is a qualified horticulturist who is living the dream between his self-made forest which encourages bird life, rabbits, snakes, leguans, tortoises and frogs to go unimpeded on his farm. He has a strict no hunting policy on his farm and all wildlife has the right of way besides for termites which endanger his trees, no other poison is allowed on the farm.

In 2015, Toni decided to add pomegranates to his farm. His organic planting and maintenance style limit interference in the growing of the trees and the protective bagging of each individual pomegranate ensures that no pesticides are necessary to keep the fruit from being infested with the natural pests. The farming method employed ensures a high quality, organic nut with a high oil content which is sought after in the market place. In addition, his hand processed pomegranate juice is a nutrient rich health drink in itself with proven benefits for digestion, blood pressure, cholesterol just to name a few. He also plants *Luffa Aegyptica* and Calabash both of which produce seeds high in oil.

Toni is passionate about utilising every part of the produce as it is all highly nutritious and useful in gardening and as part of a healthy diet. The nut hulls, are used for aromatic smoking of meat, the broken shells are used as fuel for fires as well as a snail and pet repellent in the garden. The Pomegranate, Calabash and Luffa seeds are pressed for their oil, which is highly sought after in the beauty and cosmetic industry as well as salads and roasted in snack bars. He also creates pet-friendly bird feeders and nests as well as eco-friendly kitchen sponges, which creates minimal damage in washing Teflon coated pans instead of steel wool.

But Toni also has another dream as an avid Volksie collector - to create a Beetle club because the farm lends itself to being a perfect gathering spot for Beetle enthusiasts with shade and sufficient space to host an annual Beetle show.

Visit the Langberg Organic Boutique websites: <https://www.facebook.com/www.langbergfarm.co.za/> or <http://www.iconixsa.co.za/langfarm/> or phone 081 270 0286. (Photos provided)



# Sensako and wheat production in South Africa

**AGRIPULSE – NORTH WEST** – The wheat industry as well as other winter grain industries in South Africa had to dig deep over the past couple of years in order to remain profitable. Successful wheat production is largely determined by the interaction of numerous factors. Factors such as climate, tillage, as well as disease and pest control play a most important role, but the basis of successful wheat production, is the availability of adjusted, high potential cultivars, says Kobus Lindeque, Managing Director of Syngenta Seed for Sub-Saharan Africa.

Uncertainty hanging over the head of the industry, together with the challenges that weather and input costs pose, are forcing producers to consider risks and diversification very seriously. This causes many producers to remain on the sideline at plant time or that they fall back unto the old practice of planting held back (retained) corn seed in order to cut costs.

The question however remains if the initial savings at the beginning of planting season by the use of held back seed would prove worthwhile? Experts warn that the difference in cost from using "old" seed versus new seed

Overall, it is not really worth it to compromise on certified seed as far as yield potential and performance qualities are concerned. The possibility remains that held back seed that could bring about savings at the beginning of the season, eventually leads to lower yields, poorer quality and less income, says Kobus. He also reckons that decreased yields as result of poor quality seed will exceed the costs of additional costs to buy new, certified seed.

“Crop yield expectations of new Sensako seed, boils down to the particular ability of the seed to utilize the optimum value of other production inputs. Certified seed is only produced by seed cultivators and growers who have undergone strict certification. These producers must adhere to stringent requirements regarding ground types, pre-crop cultivation, weed control, fertilizers, pest control, the handling of uncontaminated farm equipment, genetic purity and crop isolation. During production season, the entire production process and quality of crops and seed are continuously monitored. Similar to commercial grain production, technology development offers numerous advantages in seed production. Sophisticated satellites, drones and the use of robots, makes it possible to gather data on each plant on the field and to measure yields and achievement. This creates a new future wherein the true potential of certified seed could exceed expectations of farmers.

Another reassuring factor supporting the use of certified seed, is the unlimited value of continued research. The use of proven seed is thus highly recommended to offer you the best possible yield. "There is simply is no arguing that the use of inferior retained seed will cost you more than you could probably save", Kobus concluded.

could be no more than 4 percentage points. If a producer holds back 70% of his corn seed and buys only 30% new seed, the cost of seed will amount to 8% of his running costs. If he buys only new seed, this will amount to 12% of his running costs for the season.

When one considers the total input costs, the cost of seed will amount to a tenth of each new season's input costs but towards the end of the season good, high potential germ plasm(a) and quality seed remain the primary contributor to yield potential and profit per hectare.



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