



Flower extravaganza at Namaqua National Park

The flowers are starting to bloom at Namaqua National Park and it is promising to be another flower extravaganza. Even though it is relatively late for the flower season to start the best part of this is that it will last longer. Weather depending, the flowers will last well towards to the end of September 2022.

The Namaqualand region of South Africa falls within the Succulent Karoo Biome, which has been identified as one of the world's 34 biodiversity hotspots. There are only three hotspots in South Africa. When compared to regions with similar semi-arid environments the richness of this Biome is exceptional. Namaqualand is further distinguished from other desert regions by the presence of the following families: Mesebryanthemaceae (vygies); Iridaceae (irids); Hyacinthaceae (lachenalias) and Crassulaceae (crassulas).

Minimum temperatures of at least 18 degrees are required for the flower crowns to open fully and to ensure an experience that will last a lifetime. The flowers can be viewed at different routes inside the Park including the very popular Caracal route to Kookfontein, the coastal route in the direction of the Hondeklip Bay gate and 4x4 Kurubees area. It is expected that the flowers will start to peak from middle August and hopefully into October 2022 as all indications are there that we will have a rather later than usual flower season. This merely means that visitors can expect to experience the flowers during the best season of the year. So in this case, the saying: "Better late than never" is more than apt for this year's flower season and a welcome forecast as well. For more information and to learn about all the parks managed by SANParks please visit our website at: www.sanparks.org

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- The government may decide to vaccinate the healthy cattle when there is disease in the area.

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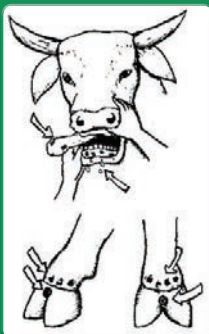
Foot-and-mouth disease

Is a serious disease that spreads easily. It is caused by a virus. The virus is found in all body fluids such as saliva, urine, faeces, milk and in the air that is breathed out by all diseased animals.

- Animals get this disease when eating or breathing in the virus from these body fluids.
- People can also spread the virus by unclean clothing, shoes, hands and car tyres.
- Animals that can get sick are mainly cattle, but pigs, goats, sheep and other cloven-hooved animals, including wildlife, can also get the disease.

What are the signs?

- Blisters and sores in the mouth (gums, lips and tongue), are raw and painful, making it difficult for the animal to eat and often causes drooling.
- Blisters and sores between the toes and where the hooves join the skin, can cause the animals to limp and not want to walk around. Sometimes they may lose their claws or hooves.
- Cows can develop sores on their teats. This results in a sudden drop in milk production.



Why is it important?

- Farmers lose money because sick animals lose weight, do not grow and produce less milk. Young calves may die.
- A large amount of money is used to control the disease, such as building and maintaining fences and testing animals for the disease.
- Countries that do not have the disease will not buy animals, meat or meat products from South Africa when the disease spreads through the country.

Where does foot-and-mouth disease occur?

In South Africa, buffalo in the Kruger National Park have the disease but show no signs. Sometimes

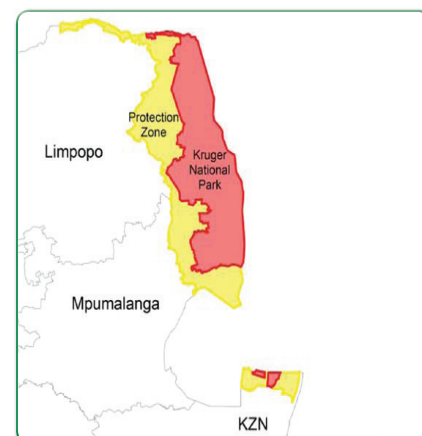
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cattle around Kruger can get the disease from buffalo that escape from the Park. To stop the disease from spreading, the area around Kruger is fenced off to separate these cattle from the rest of the country. This area is called the Protection Zone. All cattle in this area are inspected and some are vaccinated (by the government) to protect the animals and prevent spread.



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Cattle producers under pressure as foot and mouth disease numbers rise in three provinces

Jaco Kleyn

AGRI- PULSE – VRYBURG - Great uncertainty currently prevails in the cattle industry due to the national ban on the transport of cattle. The uncertainty is largely aided by the lack of information from government circles and the spread of false or rather unconfirmed information on social media and other platforms.

The main players of the formal cattle industry, which contributes approximately R 59-billion to the agricultural GDP and almost R118-billion to the national GDP, the farmers/producers, feel that much more should have been done to face off this potential disaster.

A producer who prefers to remain anonymous told the newspaper that he currently has 130 weaner calves on the farm that he has to feed at around R30 per day per calf. This means that the daily feed expenditure, for which the producer has not budgeted, will amount to approximately R 81 900.00 if the ban lasts only 21 days. These feed costs must now be borrowed from the bank by the producer.

“If it wasn’t for the good rains we had, and the veld wasn’t in such a good condition, my feed costs would have gone up by at least R15 per head. It would have put me in an impossible financial position.”

This is just one producer’s story who, as he puts it, has the privilege of a big enough farm with good grazing. Smaller producers who depend on weekly sales to keep their cash flow going and do not have the privilege of creditworthiness with financial institutions now find themselves in severe financial straits. Can one really blame these smaller producers when you see them, especially on weekends, on the back roads with one or two cattle on the back of a trailer? According to Mr. Gerrit Schutte, the Chief Executive Officer of the RPO, believes that the approximately 700,000 cattle in the country’s feedlots will form a buffer at this time and will largely prevent a significant increase in the price of beef from being passed on to the consumer. The other side of this coin is that although the feedlots may deliver cattle to slaughterhouses they may not bring cattle into the feedlot. There is therefore an outflow of animals but no inflow. This fact may possibly see an increase in demand for weaner calves as soon as the ban is lifted which may ultimately force the price upwards.

Two of the auction houses in the North West agree that although they have lost between R170million and R200million in turnover capital during this prohibition period, the customers will again benefit from the shortages that will arise in the feedlots after the ban has been lifted.

These calculations and speculations are of course theoretical in nature and assume that the ban will last 21 days (with a possible extension to 28 days). However, the reality is much different. The producers who usually market weaner calves two to three times a year and whose income stream is already under severe pressure, will come to a complete standstill with a further extension of the ban while the expenditure stream’s taps will be running at full blast.

Ultimately, the fight against and prevention of Foot and Mouth Disease will rest largely on the shoulders of the producers/farmers. The latest updates of the FMD outbreaks according to the monitoring status report dated August 29, 2022 indicate an additional nine facilities that are now infected with FMD.

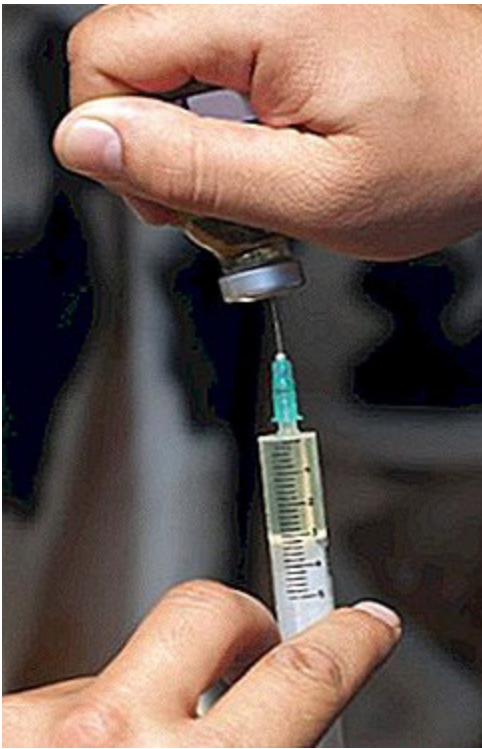
This brings the total new outbreaks to 127 cases and is distributed as follows:

- KwaZulu-Natal from 73 to 80
- Gauteng from 3 to 6
- Free State from 7 to 24
- Mpumalanga reported one new case.

These additional outbreaks have occurred during the current lockdown period and this is an indication of how carefully action must be taken and how much effort must be made to combat the further spread of the virus. The RPO warns farmers to be extremely careful during these times and to comply with the regulations controlling the movement of animals. Persons who disregard these regulations not only expose themselves to prosecution, but also expose the entire region within which they move to a possible extension of the lockdown time.

As implied earlier in this article, the current state of affairs, if managed correctly and if it remains only for 21 to 28 days could possibly be beneficial to farmers with an upward demand for weaner calves and therefore a better income per kilogram. However, should individuals disregard the restrictions and the numbers continue to rise, the minister will have no option other than to extend the period by a possible further 21 days. Such an extension will make the completion of weaners calves impossible for the traditional Christmas market, which will obviously affect the prices very negatively for the farmer and be even worse for the end-consumer.

The ball is therefore, as so many times before, in the hands of the agricultural sector itself, and as Gerrit Schutte CEO of the RPO says; Calmness, thorough planning and secure bio-management will eventually face-off this crisis and bring the industry back to normal.





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Currently the department is processing new documentation with regard to orange consignments which are on hold in Dutch and Italian ports. "We have also received confirmation that these consignments are being re-accessed at the ports, the department concluded.



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Dr Gerhard Schutte, Executive Head of the Red Meat Producers Organisation said it is unfortunate that the country has little hope to see the ban on meat exports to Namibia being lifted in the near future. Schutte says Namibian authorities are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to safeguard the country's disease free status.



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AGRI-PULSE – RUSTENBURG – Rhode Island: This breed has its origin from America and is classified as a soft feather, heavy breed. The weight of a cock is 4kg and of a hen is 3kg. There are only two varieties in this breed namely Mahogany and White. The Mahogany variety has a medium size, single comb or a rose comb while the white variety has only a rose comb. The eye colour is red. The look for Rhode Island is long, broad and horizontal. All feathers are mainly Mahogany except for the main tail feathers that are black. Cartridge of tail is 45°. Breast is deep, full and round. Head is broad, medium length and flat on top. Earlobes and

wattles as well as comb, medium of size, same size and smooth. Legs medium in size, well apart. There are four toes on each feet and they well spread.
Legs and feet are yellow, with the Mahogany variety, a red line is running along the thighs on to the toes.
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New man at helm of Syngenta Seed

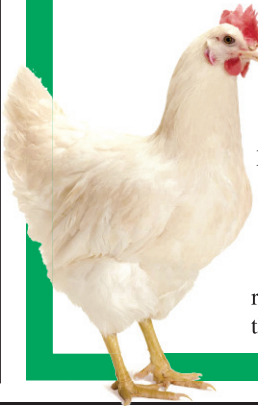
AGRIPULSE – NORTH WEST – A South African who is renowned for his excellent work in the agricultural fraternity was recently appointed as head of Syngenta Seed’s operations in Africa south of the Sahara. In fact, Hendrik van Staden has already been working in his new office for the past month with is official appointment as from 1 Augustus 2022. According to Syngenta Seed Van Staden was an obvious choice for the position – he has been working in several leadership positions in the agricultural sector for at least the past 20 years. During this time, he had also done great work for Monsanto and Bayer. In his most recent position Van Staden was actively involved as part of Bayer’s customer marketing team as well as head of the company’s campaign and trademark divisions. In the latter, the focus was largely on the implementation of tactical marketing campaigns ranging from campaign management to communication to marketing on the digital platform and of course promotions. Van Staden is tasked with maintaining Syngenta Seed’s prominent position in the African



Syngenta’s Hendrik van Staden.

Seed industry and to widen the company’s horizons with regard to conservational agriculture, Kobus Lindeque, former head of Syngenta Seed told AgriPulse. As an expert in agriculture, Lindeque’s expertise will not be lost to Syngenta - as a consultant and mentor Lindeque will continue to be available to Syngenta. In his career spanning more than two decades, Van Staden became increasingly aware of the principle of added value for any organisation and he constantly strives to have an excellent relation with farmers especially. At the same time, he hopes to introduce farmers to Syngenta’s latest technology in the agricultural sector. Van Staden has emphasized that he enjoys regular interaction with customers and farmers and that marketing is a field that he particularly enjoys. The supply of more and better quality seed to these parts of Africa naturally ensures a wider range of crops and improves Syngenta’s chances of success with regard to risk control in the battle against pest and diseases as well as climate extremes.

Announcement on Poultry Tariffs



AGRI-PULSE - RUSTENBURG - The South African Poultry Association was surprised by the announcement that tariffs on poultry imports, which had recently expired, would be reinstated. The motivation for this appears to be concern over rising local food prices. SAPA said earlier that imports of chicken portions have already risen significantly since the measures expired and this will harm the local industry. The measures were initially imposed for six months against Brazil, Denmark, Ireland, Poland and Spain and expired on 14 June. Local chicken farmers unfortunately feel that they will have to reconsider further investments and projects that are in the pipeline, given the uncertainty that will be caused by the lifting.

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NW VLU deel pryse uit

Agri-Pulse - Potchefstroom - Noordwes VLU se jaarlikse kongres is oor twee dae in Potchefstroom aangebied.

Tydens die kongres in Augustus is die afgelope jaar in oënskou geneem. Uittredende president Gerda Swart het ook verwys na die pandemie en dat dit die eerste keer sedert 2019 is wat die kongres weer aangebied kon

word. Kerse is aangesteek vir lede wat hul lewe in die pandemie verloor het. Minnette Dempsey het gesorg vir ligter oomblikke met haar praatjie oor leierskap. Die doel van die kongres was ook om pryse te oorhandig aan lede wat handgemaakte artikels vir beoordeling gelewer het. Van gebak tot fotografie, skryfwerk en skilderkuns

is beoordeel. Saam met die uittredende president, Gerda Swart van die Sonneblom-streek (Lichtenburg-omgewing) het Cindy Coetzee, president van SA VLU, die gaste verwelkom. Die amptelike spreker vir die geleentheid was dr Sanet Jansen van Rensburg wat oor haar boek 'Koester ons ouer persone' gesels het.

Produkte en handgemaakte artikels is beoordeel vir pryse.



Ian Grewar (viool) en Charles Olivier (tjello) sorg vir 'n musikale verposing.



Genevieve Conradie van Sonneblomstreek ontvang die trofee vir die streek met die meeste punte in borduurwerk van Tharina Rossel, voormalige VLU SA president.



Louise Herbst, voorsitter van die Platina streek ontvang die trofee vir die streek met die meeste punte in borduurwerk van Tharina Rossel, voormalige VLU SA president.



In die preservingafdeling is (voor) Retha Retief die wenner en Elsa van Rooyen tweede. Agter is Riana de Villiers (derde), Pricilla Motsitsi (vierde), Ineke Bakker (vyfde) en Maatje Hobson (sesde).



Dagbestuur van die NW VLU is (agter) Istella van Rhyn-Nel (skakelbeampte), Thea du Randt (notuleklerk), Louise Herbst (Platina voorsitter), Sanja-Mari van Rooyen (redakteur), hester Koegeleberg (vice-president en Verwes voorsitter), Tienie Lewis (sekretaresse), Maatje Hobson (beoordelaarsameroeper) en (voor) Genevieve Conradie (Sonneblom voorsitter) en Gerda Swart (NW President).



VLU Brits het die meeste nuwe lede vir hul tak gewerf en 'n kontantprys van NWK ontvang. Op die foto is Johan Bezuidenhout (borg), Neeltje Louw van VLU Brits, Gerda Swart (NW VLU president), Elmie Bergh van Leeudoringstad VLU en Trix Parsons van Prisma VLU. Leeudoringstad het tweede meeste nuwe lede gewerf en Prisma derde meeste.



Gerda Swart en Judy Steynberg. Judy is die enigste oorlewende van vorige NW VLU presidente.



Louise Fick ontvang 'n trofee van Gerda Swart vir die beste tak projek.

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Gerda Swart, uittredende president van NW VLU.



Louise Herbst van Brits VLU het die handvlyt afdeling gewen. Langs haar is Elize Oosthuizen van Leeuwart VLU (tweede). Agter is Alda van der Walt van Zoetmelksvlei (derde), Erika du Randt van Mareetane (vierde) en Genevieve Conradie van Bailliepark (sesde).



In die gebak (rolkoek) afdeling was Elize Schutte tweede en Francis Liebel vierde.



Besoekeende VLU presidente byeen. Agter is Tharina Rossel (voormalige SA VLU presidente), Gerda Pienaar (Vrystaat VLU) en Ria Strydom (VLU Noord). Voor is Gerda Swart (NW VLU) en Cindy Coetzee (SA VLU).



Die handbreiwerkwenners is (agter) Elsie Marx van Houmoed VLU (derde) en Elsa van Rooyen van Marikana VLU (sesde). Voor is Carien Roos van Brits VLU.



Fia van der Merwe van Brits VLU het die skilderkuns gewen. Mariska van Aswegen van Marikana was tweede en (agter) Ineke Bakker van Leeuwart vyfde.



Tienie Lewis, nuwe sekretaresse, oorhandig 'n genel aan haar voorganger, Ronel Kemp (links).



NW VLU borduurwerkwenners is (voor) Rentia Aucamp van Leeudoringstad VLU. In die tweede plek is Elize Oosthuizen (Leeuwart VLU) en agter is Francis Liebel van Marikana VLU met 'n vierde plek.



Maatje Hobson van Setlagole VLU het 'n eerste plek in masjienwerk verwerf. Francis Liebel van Marikana VLU was tweede en Hermien Pretorius van Prisma VLU vyfde.



Francis Liebel van Marikana VLU het eerste plek in hekelwerk gekry. Agter haar is Maatje Hobson van Setlagole wat 'n vierde plek gekry het.



Bettina Terblanche van Mosaiek het die skryfkunsafdeling gewen.



Elaine Smit van Brits VLU het eerste plek in fotografieafdeling gewen. Heleen Labuschagne van Rustenburg VLU sit langs haar met 'n tweede plek. Agter is Elsie Marx van Houmoed met 'n vyfde plek.



Judy Steynberg (voormalige NW president) oorhandig 'n oorkonde aan Elsie Marx vir ses jaar se diens as Platina streekvoorsitter.



Judy Steynberg (voormalige NW president) oorhandig 'n oorkonde aan Gerda Swart vir ses jaar diens as Sonneblom streekvoorsitter.



Judy Steynberg (voormalige NW president) oorhandig 'n oorkonde aan Elaine Smit (voormalige Platina streekvoorsitter) vir ses jaar diens as voorsitter van die Platina streek.

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The BKB men and other workers all helped to make the auction a great success. In the photo are Pieter Meintjies (BKB), Ernest and Tinus Conradie, seller from Inkbospan, Askham.



Corné du Plessis of Cdp Online Auction Services from Ellisras did a good job and kept the auction very lively.



The most expensive ram sold for R30 000. The seller is Barri Knoetze (the coordinator of the auction) from Askham and the buyer is Piet de Lange from Calvinia. The photo shows from left to right: Roe du Plessis (Hopetown), Chris Potgieter, Jean du Plessis (Hopetown), Barri Knoetze, Wollie Burger, Neno Knoetze and Nico de Wet. In front are Pieter Meintjies, Pieter Swart and Schalk Künz (Kenhardt).

The 6th Annual Askham-Kalahari Meatmaster Auction

Report and photos by Elsa Jones van Rhyn

GEMSBOK - ASKHAM: The 6th Askham-Kalahari Meatmaster Auction was recently held in Askham, a small town located 184km from Upington in the Northern Cape.

Mr. Nico de Wet of Ad Libitum Meatmasters, one of the first farmers in the area to farm with the breed, states that Meatmasters are hardy, Kalahari-adapted animals, bred from Damara and Dorper sheep.

Nico bought his first animals in 2006, to join his herd. Other farmers followed suit, all seeking a more hardy breed for the challenging environment.

The demand for the animals for breeding purposes began about seven years ago and that's how the Meatmaster Auction in Askham started, with online auctions also taking place two/three years ago, thereby facilitating an easy

country-wide market, with buyers from all over South Africa now interested in the Meatmaster breed, with return buyers year after year, as the sheep show great adaptability to varying environments in our country.

This year, 54 rams and 160 ewes were offered for sale.

The auction was hosted by BKB, and Corné du Plessis of CDP Online Action Services was the auctioneer. Come is from Ellisras (Lephalale) and he has more than 20 years of experience in all types of auctions.

Corné has extensive education, knowledge and experience in the agricultural, livestock and wildlife industry - making him a versatile auctioneer, who can speak with confidence from the podium, regardless of the item being sold.

It was a very successful auction. The average price for rams was R11 800 compared to R7 000 in 2021. The highest price for a ram being Lot 10 @ R30 000.00, sold by Barri Knoetze of the farm Rooipan near Askham, to buyer Piet de Lange of Calvinia.

Ewes this year fetched an average of R5 200 compared to R4 050 last year. The highest price for a ewe was lot 73 which sold for R11 000. The seller was Jean du Plessis from Hopetown and the buyer Chris Malan from Piketberg.

Lot 89 also sold for R11 000. The seller again was Jean du Plessis, to an online buyer, Thato Mothopedi from Rustenburg.

Many animals were sold online, with livestock going as far as Rustenburg, Ellisras, Schweizer-Reneke, Piketberg, Hopetown and Sutherland.



Elriëtte Herbst came all the way from Schweizer-Reneke to attend the auction. With her stands one of the sellers, Coenie van der Merwe from Sandduine Meatmasters, Kalkbult, Noenieput in the Kalahari.

“Stadig oor die klippe met plantery”

AGRI PULSE – NOORDWES – Suid-Afrikaanse boere is genoodsaak om aansienlik minder gewasse aan te plant weens ‘n invoerverbod na lande soos Botswana en Namibië. Dié stap gaan onvermydelik ‘n invloed hê op uitvoer-inkomste en mag dalk ook werksgeleenthede in die landbousektor raak.

Die situasie tans is van so ‘n aard dat Suid-Afrika slegs gedeeltelik daarin sal slaag om die plaaslike opbrengs te absorbeer en sal noodgedwonge na alternatiewe markte moet soek. Boonop sal slegs pad- en spoortvervoerinfrastruktuur kan bepaal na watter lande en markte uitvoere moontlik sal

wees. Sô sê Christo van der Rheede, Agri SA se uitvoerende direkteur in ‘n onlangse verklaring.

“Teoreties gesproke is daar markte vir Suid-Afrikaanse produkte buite die Suid-Afrikaanse Doeanes-unie (SACU) beide op die kontinent en daarbuite. Wat ons sal moet sien is of hierdie reëlins betyds getref kan word en of dit vir ons ekonomies moontlik en uitvoerbaar is om dit te doen”, het Van der Rheede gesê.

Hy sê faktore soos die kondisie van paaie, spoorweë en hawens moet egter oorweeg word voordat daar vasgestel kan word of uitvoer na die buiteland ‘n opsie is. “Dit is teleurstellend dat inter-streekse beperkings Suid-Afrikaanse boere in hierdie onbenydenswaardige posisie

geplaas het terwyl die funksie van SACU trouens is om vrye handel binne die unie te bevorder”.

Namibië en Botswana het onlangs ‘n stokkie voor invoere van sekere Suid-Afrikaanse produkte soos tamaties, wortels, beet, aartappels, kool, blaarslaai, knoffel, uie, gemmer, borrie, rissies, botterskorsies, waatlemoen, soetrissie, groenmielies en kruie gestee. Dié twee lande het daarna die verbod ingestel ten einde hul plaaslike landbousektore te beskerm en tuinboukundige mededinging ‘n hupstoot te gee.

Agri SA het verlede week by Suid-Afrika se minister van landbou, grondhervorming en

landelike ontwikkeling gepleit om in te gryp in ‘n poging om die verbod opgehef te kry. Op hul beurt het Namibiëse owerhede die Agri SA se pogings om die verbod opgehef te kry, as emosioneel en ongebalanseerd beskryf.

Me Auguste Fabian, woordvoerder van die Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) het onder meer aangevoer dat Suid-Afrikaanse boere ‘n kostebesparing van bykans 25% op hul gewasse het omdat Namibiëse boere deur hul insetkoste gekniehalter word. Daar moet ook rekening gehou word met die feit dat Namibiëse boere vir bykans 100% van hul landbou-insette op Suid-Afrika aangewese is, het Fabian gesê.

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Kalahari blink uit op VLVK-Kongres

AGRI-PLUSE:VRYBURG: Die VLVK (Vroue Landbou Vereniging van Kaapland) se jaarlikse Kongres is hierdie jaar op 18 en 19 Augustus in Gansbaai gehou.

Sirkel Kalahari is verteenwoordig deur Corlie van Zyl (Sirkelpresident en Reivilo-tak), Carien van den Berg (Reivilo), Biffie de Wet (Reivilo), Esta Twigge (Vryburg), Carien van Niekerk (Vryburg), Marianne Vorster (Kuruman), Arina Beukes (Kuruman) en Zelda Lombaard (Kuruman). Erika Linde van Vryburg het as beoordelaar opgetree.

Kuruman-tak het behoorlik uitgeblink en het trofee ontvang vir die tak met die meeste punte in die kunste & handvlyt-afdeling, sowel as die tak met die meeste punte in die leefstyl-afdeling. In die kunste & handvlyt-afdeling, het Zelda Lombaard 100% vir fotografie behaal. Dit het haar 'n eerste plek en 'n trofee in die sak besorg. Hettie du Plessis-Krüger het 'n trofee vir die derde plek met 81% vir woordkuns behaal en Liza Burger 'n vyfde plek met 79%. In die leefstyl-afdeling gaan die eerste plek vir masjienwerk aan Arina Beukes van Kuruman met 85%. In die wissel-afdeling was Zelda Lombaard van Kuruman vierde met 80% en Arina Beukes van Kuruman vyfde met 79%. Amelia Erasmus van Kuruman het 'n vyfde plek met 78% behaal vir breiwerk. Ander prestasies uit Sirkel Kalahari was Corlie van Zyl van Reivilo wat 'n tweede plek met 81% vir borduurwerk behaal het met Marietjie Steyn van Vryburg vierde met 77%. 2023 se VLVK-Kongres sal in Hartenbos gehou word. Arina Beukes van VLV Kuruman-tak het op 22 en 23 Augustus 'n beoordelaarseksamen in breiwerk, hekelwerk en naaldwerk voltooi. Sy moet 28 voltooide items inhandig en 'n teorie eksamen skryf. Arina en die lede uit ander sirkels wat ook die eksamen voltooi het, moes mekaar se items beoordeel en 'n langmoubloes maak. Hulle is op alles beoordeel. Arina het die eksamen geslaag is en nou 'n volwaardige VLVK beoordelaar is. (Foto's: verskaf)



Arina Beukes (Kuruman), Biffie de Wet (Reivilo), Zelda Lombaard (Kuruman), Carien van Niekerk (Vryburg), Esta Twigge (Vryburg), Carien van den Berg (Reivilo) en Marianne Vorster (Kuruman).



Arina Beukes, Zelda Lombaard en Marianne Vorster spog met Kuruman-tak se trofee.



Zelda Lombaard, Arina Beukes, Marianne Vorster en Corlie van Zyl.



Die foto waarvoor Zelda Lombaard 100% ontvang het. Die onderwerp was "Deur / Deure". Die titel vir haar foto is: "The door to happiness opens from the inside".



Erika Linde (Vryburg) en Arina Beukes (Kuruman) is nou albei volwaardige VLVK beoordelaars uit Sirkel Kalahari.



Esta Twigge en Carien van Niekerk van Vryburg-tak.

The secret to a champion ‘boerewors’

Agri-Pulse - Upington – For Tommy Hendriks his passion for meat began six decades ago here in his hometown. Hendriks became South Africa’s first-ever boerewors champion when he was awarded the title in 1992. The former blockman and butcher, now 74-years-old, had many jobs, including herding sheep and later handling deliveries for a butchery in Upington by bike. While working for the butchery, Hendriks watched the owner with keen interest as he fulfilled wors orders. “He used to make wors, and I looked at him when he made all types and kinds of wors, and I said to myself, one day I will do this,” Hendriks said. “As we delivered, I so wanted to finish with the deliveries because I wanted to be in the butchery to see what’s going on - I was so eager to learn,” he said. His time at the butchery exposed him to making different types of meat, including garlic polony, and a more distinct kind, liver wors, and lamb. His meat acumen grew sharper when he became a sausage-maker for a butchery called Levinsons.

Eventually, Hendriks worked in the Western Cape for Grand Bazaars from 1995, which was later

bought by Shoprite where he continued to work in the retailer’s butchery until he retired. For Hendriks, who lost half of his pinkie finger on the job, the mark of a true butcher is a severed finger or two. “If one says to me, ‘I am blockman’, people can boast sometimes, then I say, ‘alright, show me your hands’,” he said. Here are some tips for the best wors from the first ever boerewors champion Although people have different tastes today, the foundations of a good boerewors, according to Hendriks, are good meat, good spices, and some ingredients that aren’t accepted in today’s standards, such as chutney, worcester sauce, and garlic. For the meat, “boerewors must always have the best meat. It must be good trimmings, lean meat” he says. Traditional wors is typically made up of beef and pork, ensuring that it is juicy, but for people who do not eat pork, it can be replaced by beef brisket, because of its fatty contents.

The meat should not be handled too much, as that encourages the meat to dry up. The casing should also not be too tight. Hendriks said boiling wors is the worst way of cooking it and dries out the meat.

Cooking it over coals, instead of chemically treated charcoal, is better, and over wood is the best. If cooking it using electricity, placing the wors in a pan that isn’t piping hot is the ideal way of cooking it while turning occasionally. “Don’t prick, don’t throw water, don’t throw cooking oil,” he says. First published in <https://www.businessinsider.co.za/> 5 September 2022

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AGRIPULSE - BRITS - The AarbeiMusiekFees, that was held in Brits on Friday and Saturday, 2 and 3 September, at Hartland Equestrian Park was a huge success. It was the 13th year the festival was held, and according to the organisers it was bigger and better this year than ever before.

Nearly 10,000 people, from far and wide, enjoyed browsing and buying from the more than 180 stalls, indulged in delicious food and drink, but the abundance of strawberries at affordable prices was definitely the highlight of the show.

Various artists gave spectacular performances and ensured top entertainment throughout the two days.

During the festival, more than 22 tons of strawberries and more than 1,000 containers of strawberry jam were sold.

The organisers thank all the sponsors and one and all who visited the festival and contributed to this huge success.

Next year, September, when the strawberries are at their juiciest, there will be another celebration! Stay up to date by visiting the website at www.aarbeifees.co.za or the Facebook page www.facebook.com/aarbeifees/



Almost 10,000 visitors attended the Strawberry Festival in Brits this past weekend.



More than 22 tons of strawberries were sold. The friendly volunteers are: Hanlie Ehlers, Sarlet Barnard, dr Gerhardus Scheepers, Elzet van Tonder en Amanda van Tonder.



Magda van Zyl, organiser of the artists during the AarbeiMusiekFees, here with the popular Martin Bester and his band.



All the way from Pretoria, Lorraine and Lorika Stols came to enjoy the AarbeiMusiekFees and the giant candy floss was a treat.



Siobane Records, a champion rider one of several riders who participated in the horse show at the festival.

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Prickly pears with a lot less ‘prick’

AGRI-PULSE – CULLINAN – Bursting with flavour and a delicate sweetness makes the prickly pear fruit a real treat.

But this delectable taste comes at a cost – a lot of little thorns to combat before you can get to the exotic goodness!

There is, however a prickly pear plant that offers all the taste, but with much less thorns.

We asked the people at Ubali Farm to tell us a little more about these plants.

Ubali is set in the heart of the beautiful Serengeti Conservancy situated between Pretoria and Cullinan in the Bynesspoort and Kameelfontein area in Gauteng.

They are the proud growers and suppliers of Prickly Pear (Cactus Pear) and Pomegranate trees for commercial planting. They are also the suppliers of the seasonal fruit produced by their selected cultivars.

Recent years has seen a significant increase in the demand in the popular fruits of both these trees in South Africa.

• **Ubali Prickly Pears:**

The prickly pear - or also known as the

cactus pear - has long been valued in South Africa as a cattle feed, but also for its delicious, healthy fruit. Recently there were renewed interest from farmers in prickly pears, due to climate change and drought - as well as the plant’s numerous uses.

Ubali supply the market with two different cultivars of prickly pears.

Firstly, they specialise in the supply of the leaves -cladodes - for replanting to farmers or fruit growers. They harvest the cladodes between August and October every year.

Secondly, but more importantly, the fruit they produce are sold to the commercial market in season between early December until the beginning of April.

The two varieties they specialise in are the Morado and Algerian cultivars.

Morado is a popular choice because the leaves have no to little thorns on it. A definite favourite in the market and has a delicate white flesh with a sweet subtle fresh taste.

The Algerian has a ruby red/pink fruit with crimson coloured flesh and a floral and exotic taste.

Unpeeled fruits can be kept in cool storage for up to two weeks. When peeled though, the fruit can be stored in fridges for weeks without losing their flavour. The edible parts are the leaves, flowers, stems and fruit. The new leaves of a prickly pear can be eaten whole - boiled or grilled.

The fruit can also be made into juice and jams.

The excellent colour, flavour and sweetness of this type of cactus pear led to the cultivation of a number of these varieties for fresh fruit production.

The cactus pear has long been valued in South Africa as cattle fodder, as well as for its delicious, healthy fruit. But research at the University of the Free State is showing that these remarkable plants are even better than was previously believed – and a great deal more versatile. For years some cultures have claimed the cactus pear offers medicinal benefits. In traditional Mexican folk medicine, for example, it was used to treat diabetes. Other cultures have used the fruits to treat burns, stomach ailments, cuts and bruises,

sunburn and windburn, constipation and cold symptoms, and to reduce inflammation and cholesterol levels.

The oil from the pips is used by the cosmetics industry to make face cream products. It has excellent healing properties, and so the oil can be used in ointments to help with burn wounds.

• **Health Benefits:**

Cactus pears are a 100% natural fruit and are free from fat and a very good source of dietary fibre, Vitamin C, Magnesium, Calcium and Potassium.

• **The History Of Prickly Pears:**

Cactus pears (Opuntia species) are native to the semi-arid regions of central and southern America. They were introduced to South Africa more than 300 years ago to be used as fences to protect crops from wild animals.

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