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Hartlik geluk aan al ons Gala-wenners, welverdiend! Dit is die kaliber produsente wie bydra dat Suid-Afrika die bes moontlike rosyne in die wêreld kan lewer!

Die finale inname, vir 2024, het die oesskatting oorskry met 12.3%, wat die totale tonne ingelewer op 96 428,64 te staan kom. Dit is die enkel grootste oes wat die bedryf nog opgelewer het en tydig in die lig van sterk internasionale pryse en konteks van drie moeilike seisoene die afgelope jare. *(LEES meer hieroor bladsy 25)*

Die laaste kwartaal van 2024 het aangebreek, en dit is met groot afwagting dat ons uitsien na die nuwe seisoen. As ons vinnig kyk na die winter, dan is koue-eenhede nie noodwendig minder as in vergelyking met 2023. Die seisoen is effens laat met so 7-10 dae laat teenoor 2023. Die algemene kommunikasie uit die veld is dat wingerd gesond vertoon en lote goed lyk. *(LEES meer hieroor bladsy 14)*

Aan die mark kant ervaar Turkye weer 'n moeilike produksieseisoen, met 'n verwagte oes van 230 000 ton wat 28% kleiner is as hul normale oes van 320 000 ton. In die lig hiervan, met wêreldvoorraad vlakke wat laag is, is verwagtinge dat rosyne teen goeie pryse sal verhandel oor die volgende 12 maande *(LEES meer hieroor bladsy 28)*.

Die jaar was 'n eerste vir ons jaarlikse simposium, met die aanbod van 'n mini-landbouskou daarby met 70 uitstallers. In totaal het 19 sprekers oor 'n verskeidenheid van onderwerpe gepraat, van finansiële oorwegings van kultivar seleksie tot, finansiële analise van oeskoste en droging deur gebruik te maak van ORODATA se opwindende nuwe stelsel, tegniese aspekte op Selma Pete t.o.v. terugsterftes, markoorsig en waar ons onnself kan bevind by 2030. Die rol van tegnologie vir die suksesvolle boer is ongetwyfeld iets wat meer aandag moet geniet. *(LEES meer hieroor bladsy 48)*.

Raisins SA en die Vine Academy and Model Farm het die jaar ook by NAMPO Kaap uitgestal, in 'n poging om ons produk se blootstelling te bevorder. *(LEES meer hieroor bladsy 6)*.

Ons sien uit om die finale kwartaal op 'n hoë-noot af te sluit. Kom ons glo en vertrou dat die volgende drie maande se weerstoestande sal saamspeel en 'n belowende oes sal oplewer om die huidige mark situasie bes moontlik te kan benut.

Groete,
Ferdie

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Algemene seisoen oorsig

Deur: Stefan Jordaan, Raisins SA

Die winter het oor die algemeen laat begin. Na oes was die toestande in albei areas gesonde toestande en na die goeie oestyd was lote gesond.

In die Olifantsrivier area was daar donsskimmel wat effens vroeër blaarval veroorsaak het. Goeie reënval in die area sowel as die opvangsgebiede het verseker dat die opvangs gebiede se damme vol is.

Deur die reeks velddae wat in die gebiede gehou is, het een duidelike wegneem na vore gekom: as gevolg van die laat aanvang van die winter, is dit die jaar waarin die gebruik van rusbreekmiddel sterk beklemtoon moet word. Op die stadium is die rosyne se bot nog baie min, maar op die vroeër tafeldruiwe kan duidelik meer oneweredige bot waargeneem word. Die seisoen is so 7 – 10 dae later as 2023.

Koue eenhede op die ou einde van die dag is nie noodwendig minder as die vorige seisoen nie, maar die tyd van die koue is wat die verskil maak, Stacey Flemming brei meer hieroor uit onder die weer verslag. Dit is krities dat die koue op die regte tyd moet begin. Die term word geken aan drie rusfases naamlik:

1. Paradormansie (Pre Dormansie)

Die inisiële fase van dormansie begin in somer na vroeg herfs waar die wingerdstok homself voorberei vir die begin van winter. Daglengte en temperature veroorsaak die begin van die stadium.

Dit gebeur baie in die Oranjerivier dat die stadium nie geleidelik gebeur nie weens die laat warm temperature. In die stadium word koolhidraat reserwes gestoor in die wortels en lote wat dan onderdruk word indien die temperature nie gunstig is nie.

2. Endo-dormansie (Middel Mei – Vroeg Augustus)

In die stadium gaan die wingerdstok in 'n diep staat van rus en groei nie meer nie, selfs al is die omstandighede gunstig (warm temperature). Die dormansiefase word intern beheer deur die plant se interne fisiologiese prosesse, spesifiek die produksie van plant hormone soos absisiensuur (ABA).

Die stadium begin met korter dae en koue temperature. In die stadium raak die wingerdogies rypbestand.



Die wingerdstok se metabolisme neem aansienlik af en stoor energie. In die stadium benodig 'n wingerdstok 'n spesifieke hoeveelheid koue eenhede waarna dit weer deur dormansie gebreek word na die volgende fase. Indien hier nie in die stadium voldoende eenhede is nie sal dit lei tot oneweredige bot en vertraagde groei in die lente.

3. Ekto-dormansie (Middel Augustus – September)

In die stadium bly die ogies dormant. Ogies kan wel weer begin groei, maar sal in 'n rustende fase bly totdat die eksterne omgewingsfaktore soos temperatuur gunstig raak vir groei.

Die stadium word geïnisieer deur warmer temperature wat dan dormansie ophef. Die wingerdstok se interne gereedheid vir groei is teenwoordig, maar eksterne toestande (hoofsaaklik temperatuur) bepaal wanneer groei sal hervat.

Hier wil ek fokus plaas – Die stadium kan menslik vertraag word met sekere praktyke en bestuurpraktyke bv. Tyd van snoei en kunsmatige rusbreek.

Sodra die stadium nie so toegepas word nie het dit 'n invloed op die wingerd se manier van uit winter rus kom. Dit is belangrik om kennis te dra van die terme aangesien dit jou baie kan help met besluitneming. Eenvoudige voorbeelde van praktyke hoe die bestuur kan word is later snoei, rusbreekmiddels, water/besproeiings bestuur.

Nadat die vorige seisoen (hoofsaaklik in meeste gevalle) goeie oeste verkry is, is dit belangrik dat die voedingstatus na oes aangevul word vir die reserwestatus. Na bot moet deeglik dopgehou word om te verseker die plant groei optimaal, bot bemesting en kennis van die status van die plant in die stadium is belangrik.

Belangrike punte – Bot tot Blom

- Klimaat en vogbestuur is krities, op veral die binnegronde kan te droë blokke onderhewig wees aan rypskade, maar te nat kan weer lei tot tipiese “Spring fever” simptome (vergeling en vertraagde groei). Konsulteer met die nodige adviseurs.

Jaarliks is daar na einde September 'n kouefront en dan middel Oktober wanneer die wingerde begin blom hitte. Die wisselings lei soos ek altyd sê dat die wingerd se “kop deurmekaar raak”. Wingerd is baie meer gevoelig vir die wisseling in temperature tussen dag en nag asook in kort periodes wat die grootste rede is vir die begin met vergelings toestande “spring fever” en dan oormatige speen.

- Swambestuur: Witroes het nie reën nodig nie, maar in baie gevalle stowwerige toestande, die afgelope seisoen was die teenwoordigheid hiervan hoog.



Velddaghoogtepunte in die Olifantsrivierstreek

Deur: Stacey Flemming, Raisins SA

Op 31 Julie 2024 het die rosyntjiebedryf bymekaargekom vir 'n suksesvolle velddag in Vredendal, aangebied deur Raisins South Africa in die Olifantsrivier-streek.

Die geleentheid het 'n diverse groep boere en bedryfskenners gelok, gretig om kennis uit te ruil en kritieke onderwerpe te bespreek wat die toekoms van rosyntjieboerdery raak.

Die dag het begin met 'n gefokusde sessie oor die snoei van rosyntjiestokke, waar kenners beste praktyke gedeel het om wingerdgesondheid en -produksie te optimaliseer. Verskillende snoeitegnieke en die tydsberekening van snoei is bespreek om hoë kwaliteit vrugte-opbrengs te verseker terwyl die langlewendheid van hul stokke gehandhaaf word. Een punt wat gemaak is, was dat snoei later as gewoonlik moet begin aangesien die winter later vanjaar begin het.

Hierna het besprekings gedraai na die noodsaaklike besluite rondom kultivar-, kloon- en onderstokseleksie vir rosyntjiestokke. Die belangrikheid van die keuse van kultivars en onderstamme wat goed by die plaaslike klimaat en grondtoestande pas, is beklemtoon.



Die rol van klone is ook ondersoek, veral in die verbetering van produksiedoeltreffendheid en die verbetering van druifkwaliteit.

Die geleentheid het ook 'n sessie oor die bot van wingerde ingesluit. Die kritieke tydsberekening en tegnieke vir suksesvolle bot, wat praktiese raad bied oor hoe om die beste resultate in wingerdvoortplanting te behaal, is bespreek.

Aan die einde van die dag het deelnemers in Frudata-statistieke gedelf en huidige neigings in rosyntjieproduksie, markprestasie en bedryfsvoorspellings ondersoek, wat in verdere besonderhede by die Simposium bespreek was.

Hierdie data-gedrewe bespreking het waardevolle insigte verskaf oor hoe produsente hulself beter kan posisioneer vir toekomstige sukses deur aan te pas by markvereistes en omgewingsuitdagings.

Die Olifantsrivier-velddag was 'n sukses en het aan deelnemers noodsaaklike kennis verskaf om hul boerderypraktyke te verbeter en voor te bly in die ontwikkelende rosyntjiebedryf.

Die produsente het nog 'n Veldag aangevra om kultivarkeuses en klone te hanteer wat na verwagting in die eerste week van Desember sal plaasvind.





NAMPO Cape 2024 in Bredasdorp

By: Dr Andries Daniels, Dawid Hayes,
Nosizwe Mkhonza and Stacey Flemming



One can hardly say that this was only Bredasdorp's 5th year of hosting the NAMPO Cape Trade Show judging by the scale on which the attendance of the public, producers, service providers and government officials from the Western Cape Department of Agriculture that attended it was.

The buzzing energy of small kids, mothers and fathers, couples, farm workers and farm owners, officials of the government, was overflowing and exhibitors in the event would be standing at their stalls with anticipation. Different stalls had different products and services to offer from food and beverages, jewellery, clothing and shoes, to service providers like tertiary institutions, banks, insurance companies, government organisations, to agriculturists and their service providers like irrigation systems, fertilisers and animal feed, livestock display and farming machinery, even motor vehicle companies and a whole lot more. Think of NAMPO as a huge one-stop-shop where you can get everything agriculture related and get an amazing experience with colleagues, family, friends and everybody across the whole value chain of the agribusiness industry.

Then there were the Agri in Talk sessions that once again covered issues pertinent to the agricultural industry with valuable input from various stakeholders. These talks were attended by the Raisins SA and Vine Academy and Model Farm teams on the respective days they were held.

Anli Hatting of Brand Republic chaired two sessions – ‘Research for Growth’ and ‘What works in the Western Cape’ and Theo Vorster CEO of Galileo Capital also hosted two – ‘How Businesses Build Agriculture’ and ‘Training in Agriculture’. Louw Pienaar of the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP) hosted the one on ‘The cost-price squeeze’ and Wandile Sihlobo of Agbiz hosted the one on ‘The Agricultural Landscape after the elections’.

Key points that could be taken away from all the talks were: In the past 30 years there has been improvements in the utilisation of technology for the industry. According to the Director-General for the Department of Agriculture – Mooketsa Ramasodi, we need to embrace and celebrate the good however learn to be better from the bad that has occurred. The ability to adapt to what the world needs is important. When it comes to policy ambiguity we have to move in terms of the Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) act. We must be in step with what is happening in the world. We must be aware of disparities in agriculture.

Tobias Doyer – CEO of Grain South Africa (GSA) under whose auspices the NAMPO Trade Shows fall, added to that last point that there needs to be awareness about biotechnology and its introduction to the industry and that we also need to find ways to develop our export products to get better exposure. Professor Ferdi Meyer – Managing Director of BFAP said that there has been a proliferation of agricultural policies in the world.



Tiaan Kotze of Omnia Holdings emphasised that producers must plan for production and risk management and focus on sustainable practices. Jolanda Andrag – COO of Agri SA highlighted that there must be an appreciation for the collaboration seen between private sector, government and communities in SA. They are busy living the national masterplan on agriculture.

When it came to the Agri in Talk session on ‘Training in Agriculture’ that was a very important topic for the Vine Academy and Model Farm as an only one year old Training Institution, the panel and members in the audience delivered valuable take-home messages. As an introduction to the session, Theo highlighted how the shortage of skills has a huge impact on the Agri sector. Dr Ivan Meyer, Minister of Agriculture in the Western Cape, who was present at all the Agri in Talk Sessions and made valuable inputs at each session, started off by saying if there is three word that he can just put up then they would be skills, knowledge and competitiveness.



He then elaborated that if SA wants to increase its global competitiveness, increase its investment and increase its export, then it will have to make sure that it does not only have the proper infrastructure in place, but also the proper skills for developing the agricultural industry. He said that we must not undermine how in-job-training has revolutionised skills development in our sector and in our country. He remarked on the study done by Stellenbosch University (SU)'s Institute for Future Research that found that the major skills that will be required in 2035 is soft skills i.e. Teamwork, Systems Thinking, Design Thinking, Storage Analysis and Data Science.

Phillip Harmense – Business Development Manager of UXI agreed and added that farmers need a wide range of skills for sustainability. Darryl Jacobs – Head Agricultural Training at the Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute talked about Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and its importance other than just the formal qualifications being offered and just exactly how the employability of Agri students is post qualification. Andre Jooste – Professor at SU's Agricultural Economics Department placed emphasis on the different skills sets required as mentioned by Dr Ivan Meyer and how there should be a multidisciplinary approach to make sure that they are acquired successfully before absorption of graduates into the industry.

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As the Vine Academy and Model Farm team, we have a great appreciation for what we offer as a Viticulture Academy unique to the Northern Cape where wine, table and raisin grapes are being cultivated.

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Hearing from the Western Cape Department of Agriculture and other academic institutions like, Stellenbosch University and Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute about the need for more practical experience and skills in the Agri sector, we felt satisfied and a sense of reassurance that we made the right choice with the establishment of the Vine Academy and Model Farm and its unique approach to making sure that its students does indeed acquire those practical skills required. This is exactly the message that the team manning the Academy stall told everybody who stopped there for enquiries. Many people came to the VAMF stall just to simply say that they are amazed and excited about this, first of its kind Viticulture Academy. Individuals in the sector who came there also expressed their concern for the lack of qualified and experienced employees. So, having this balance of studying the theory and then going into the field and spending the needed hours on practically applying what was studied in class was a great model for them.



This means that our students are acquiring the much-needed skills that is longed for in the industry. The rest of the people who were interested were able to ask more questions like what do we do, where are we based, how much the course is, how long the course is for, are we online, do we offer any other different courses etc. Many just misread the logo and said “wine-academy” and assumed we make wine but then we would explain to them how to pronounce the logo and explained everything important for them to know about us. The future of the Vine Academy and Model Farm is, therefore, looking very bright with many collaboration opportunities for the Academy itself and the students finishing at the VAMF.



Having a separate stall for Raisins SA was also highly beneficial, as it significantly raised awareness about the raisin industry. The stall attracted substantial interest from a diverse range of visitors, including exporters, producers, and potential buyers. It also served as an educational platform for those eager to learn more about raisin production and the processes involved.

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All in all, the Nampo Cape 2024 was an amazing experience and opportunity for the Raisins SA and the Vine Academy and Model Farm, and we look forward to the next one.

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Highlights from the third annual Raisins SA/Nedbank *Symposium*

By: Dr Andries Daniels

I called it last year when I said: “Go big or go home!” in the Quarter Three Newsletter when I wrote about the highlights of the second Annual Raisins South Africa (Raisins SA) Symposium in collaboration with Nedbank that was held at the Malkoppan Guest Farm in Lamberts Bay.

Oh, but how little did I know how much, much bigger the third annual Raisins SA/Nedbank Symposium would be this year!

First it was held at the newly turned one Vine Academy and Model Farm in Kakamas, second the program spanned over two days and third it was followed by an absolute spectacular first ever Raisins SA ‘Mini Skou’!

With so much to focus on and everything that was happening during the preparation for this showcase, I was already contemplating what a challenge it was going to be for me to put everything about it in just one article. Whether it was the lovely music blurring from the speakers, producers and industry partners gleefully talking to each other during registration and tea breaks, the absolute excitement in the air was just tangible.



Kebo Toolo, Viticulture Researcher at Provar, lead the next session of the program, Optimisation of Viticultural Practices, with her work done on evaluating rootstocks for the South African Raisin Grape Industry. With data being collected for a second year in row from all planted plots, promising results are already being shown by some of the rootstocks not traditionally planted in the industry. Raisins SA's own Research and Development (R&D) Manager, Abraham Vermeulen, delivered a talk on plant improvement and the role that clones play in it, and Business Development Service Provider (BDSP) Manager, Stefan Jordaan, gave feedback on dieback of young vines and what the probable causes of it might be. A very interesting talk on precision fertilising with plant sap analysis was given by ECOfit Consulting's Remina Pienaar.

Getting to the scientific program that the symposium is all about, it also did not leave any room for disappointment. Herman de Kock, Executive Head for Business Banking Sales and Service at Nedbank, lead the first session; Financial Outlook, Market Intelligence-, Access, and Development with his talk on the role of Nedbank Agri in the raisins industry. The pre-recorded presentation by Suhanra Conradie, of Summer Citrus on the implementation and value of a trademark linked in perfectly. The rest of this session was then more new technology driven with Frikkie van Zyl and Charl Koortzen of Frudata talking on cultivar decisions, Hannes Gerber, of AridEco talking about application of technology for visual presentation and reporting of various factors, while Herman Heunis of Orodata presented a case study of the practical value Orodata has after being used for the very time the past harvest season by the Vine Academy and Model Farm (VAMF).



The rest of this session as well as the following one on Pests and Diseases included presentations delivered at last year's symposium with updates for the 2024 season. These were mapping vineyard cultivars by Kyle Loggerenberg from Stellenbosch University and selection of leafroll resistant Ramsey by Prof Gerhard Pietersen of Patho Solutions (both pre-recorded). Also, in-person presentations by Dr Rinus Knoetze and Dr Elleunorah Allsopp of the Agricultural Research Council (ARC). Rinus' talk was on the spread and pathogenicity of a newly discovered nematode *Pratylenchus hippeastri* in South African vineyards, while Elleunorah's was on the assessment of fruit fly damage on raisin grapes in the Lower Orange River and Olifants River Valleys (highlighting the importance of timing of spraying as well as the number of sprays for keeping the fruit fly populations down); and the other one delivered by her was on species identification and biology of leafhoppers on table and raisin grapes.

A new session on the program this year was Academic Courses, during which Eunice Avenant explained in a pre-recorded presentation the Raisins SA, SATI and SU modular courses and Dr Andries Daniels, Academic Program and Training Director at the Vine Academy and Model Farm did a presentation on the various courses offered at the VAMF, with highlights from the past year.



The outside session of the program for 29 August continued after everyone grabbed themselves some lunch on their way out of the Kgodiso Hall of the Academy to the Model Farm across the road. Here representatives of Netafim and Agrico explained to them the drip versus flood irrigation trial they were doing in collaboration with the VAMF on the farm. Dr Daniels then quickly talked about the cultivar evaluation trials being conducted at the VAMF followed by a preliminary feedback session by Abraham Vermeulen on the protection of vines against frost damage trial at the VAMF. Stefan Jordaan then got the teams together for the pruning competition, which included a team from Nedbank (Marilize Botha and Pieter van Baalen), Carpe Diem (Callie de Jager and JP Bence), VAMF Top 2 Students (Dawid Hayes and Nosizwe Mkhonza) as well as Raisins SA Board Chairperson David van der Merwe and various other industry stakeholders and representatives. All the companies showcasing their different pruning shears in the competition gave a brief description of them before the competition commenced which consisted of a theoretical and then a practical part. The rest of the symposium goes present for the competition could enjoy either a cold beer or some nice pink gin while enthusiastically cheering for their respective teams they supported. Amazing prizes were then awarded to the winners and the first and second runner-up teams. The day ended with a splendid evening function hosted by Nedbank.



On the second day of the symposium, 30 August, the program commenced with a session on drying practices. Dr Daniels delivered back-to-back presentations on the dry-on-vine trial being conducted at Karsten's Kromhout Farm in Kakamas and the drying methods trial being conducted at the VAMF. Statistical data and significant results were presented and discussed on the DOV trial since it is in its fourth year already, but only preliminary results could be discussed in the drying methods trial, since it was the first year's results. This session was concluded by Norman Smith of Tomra who presented, "Raisin" the bar on the removal of foreign materials from raisins.

Under the session on Natural Resource Development, Fritz Bekker of GariepWatch talked about Clean Stream Environmental Services in a pre-recorded presentation and Stiaan Hugo of AGI Frost Fans explained the importance of frost fans for the vine industry. After a short tea-break, the program concluded with a power session with sizzling hot topics for the industry such as minimum residue levels presented by Kobus Hartman of Viking, and long-term weather forecasts by Johan van den Berg. Then of course a presentation on Global raisins prospects to 2030 by outgoing Raisins SA CEO Dr Ferdie Botha, who deemed this symposium as one of the most very special for him since it started three years ago. After various demonstrations by amongst other FigTri with their DJI T Agras Drone, John Deere with their JDLink Modem, JNg Soil Movement & Van Zyl Blasting with their D6R dozer with their turn-over plough and GF-120 soil splash demonstrations by Corteva, the official symposium program concluded and the 'Mini Skou' opened to the public.





Weather report

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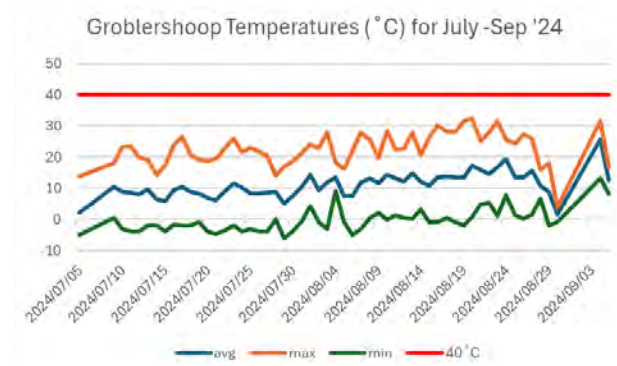
Temperatures Precipitation

The temperature patterns for the Orange River region and Olifants River region during July-September 2024 show typical winter-to-spring transitions in this region of South Africa. July generally experienced cooler temperatures, particularly during the nights, with average daytime highs ranging between 15-20°C.

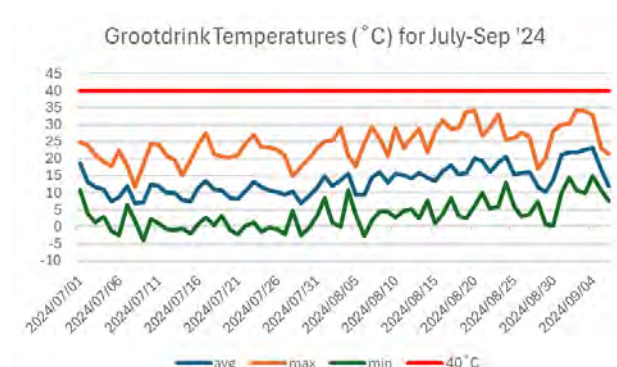
In August, temperatures began to rise slightly, with warmer days reaching 20-25°C, though nights remained cool. By September, spring warmth became more evident, with temperatures often exceeding 25°C, and some locations, particularly Upington and Vredendal, recorded highs closer to 30°C. Potential frost in low-lying areas in the Northern Cape, early hours of 30 September and 1 October 2024.



Groblershoop

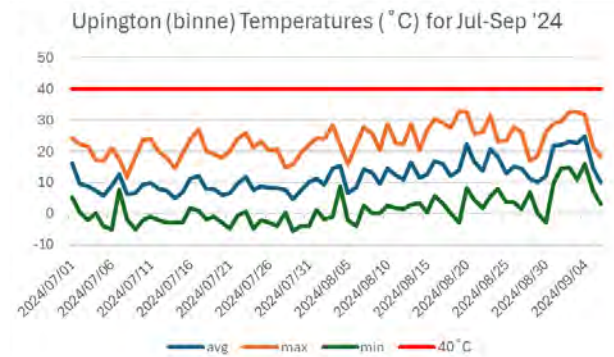


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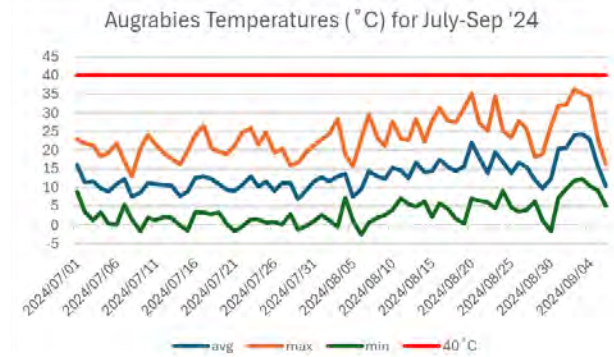




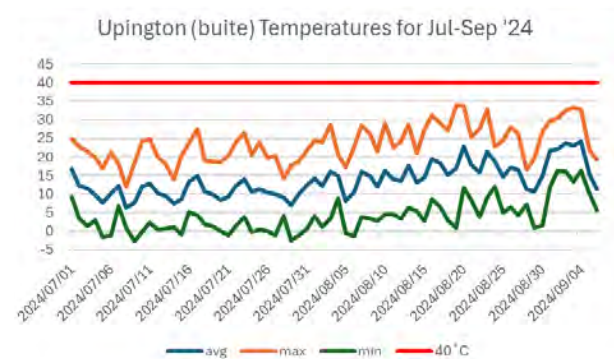
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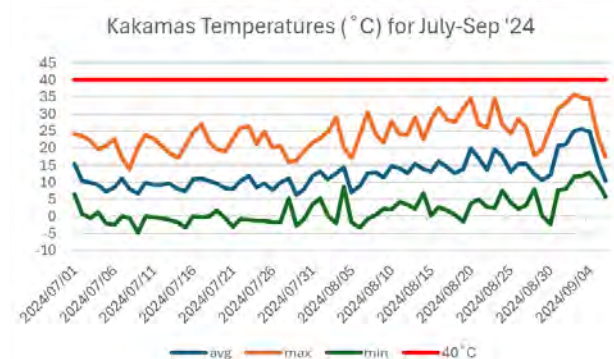
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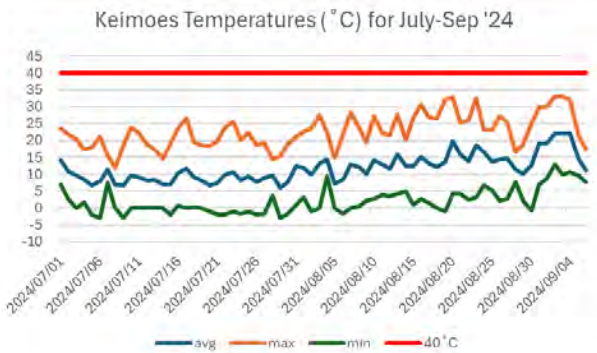


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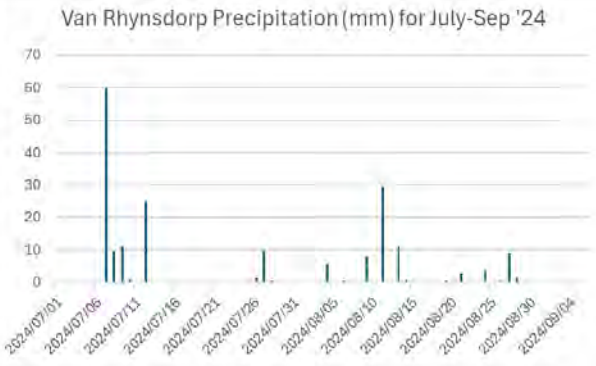
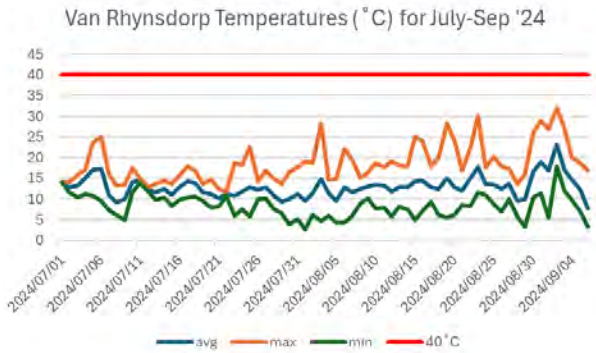




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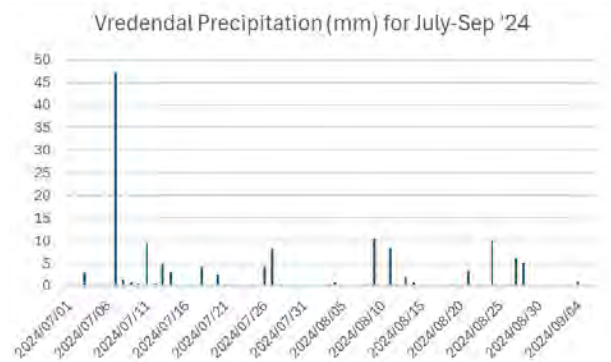
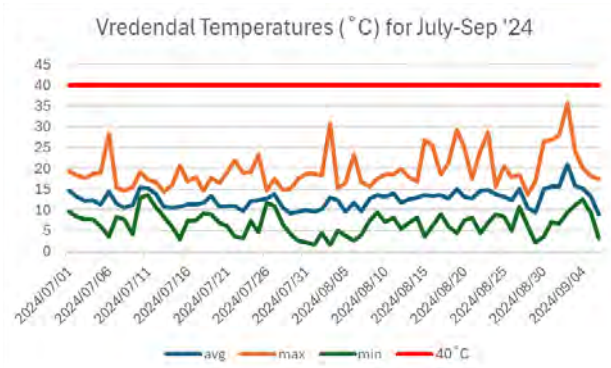
Van Rhynsdorp



Total rainfall for July-September 2024:
194.2 mm



Vredendal



Total rainfall for July–September 2024:
145 mm





Cold Units

Infruitedc

Developed by the Infruitedc research institute in South Africa, this model is widely used in warmer climates where winters are not consistently cold. It tracks cold units based on the accumulation of chill at various temperatures, with penalties applied for warmer temperatures. It is a dynamic model, meaning it accounts for both chilling accumulation and loss, which makes it more suitable for regions with fluctuating winter temperatures. This model is known as the Utah Positive Chilling Units (CU) on Metos.

Below are two tables comparing the cld units for 2023 (Table 1) and 2024 (Table 2).

INFRUITEC (DPCU)	MAY TOTAL	JUNE TOTAL	JULY TOTAL	AUGUST TOTAL	1 SEP – 10 SEP	MAY – 10 SEP
2023						
Groblershoop	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keimoes	286.5	362	361.5	257	83	1350
Kakamas	264	291.5	300.5	197	76.5	1130
Augrabies	231.5	349.5	344	186.5	77	1188.5
Vredendal	216	179	326	212.5	87	1021

INFRUITEC (DPCU)	MAY TOTAL	JUNE TOTAL	JULY TOTAL	AUGUST TOTAL	1 SEP – 10 SEP	MAY – 10 SEP
2024						
Groblershoop	273	213	156	239.5	2.5	886.5
Keimoes	169	303	306	293.5	39.5	1110.5
Kakamas	182.5	241.5	276.5	265.5	34	1005.5
Augrabies	64.5	268.5	356	256	31	974
Vredendal	153.5	53	296	267	48.5	823



Comparing May 2023 and May 2024, it can be seen that there were more cold units in 2023 in all the regions than in 2024, which shows that winter occurred later in 2024 than in 2023 which theoretically means that it will also end later in 2024 than 2023. In August this is seen as in 2024 the cold units are considerably more in 2023.

Richardson

The Richardson Utah Model, developed by Richardson and colleagues, is one of the earlier models and has been used extensively in the U.S. and other temperate regions. This model is also based on hourly temperature data and assigns chill units based on different temperature ranges, but it has a stricter range of effective chilling. This model is know as the Utah chilling hours on Metos.

Below are two tables comparing 2023 (Table 3) and 2024 (Table 4).

RICHARDSON (CU)	MAY TOTAL	JUNE TOTAL	JULY TOTAL	AUGUST TOTAL	1 SEP – 10 SEP	MAY – 10 SEP
2023						
Groblerstroom	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keimoes	54.5	231	190.5	9	5.5	481
Kakamas	6.5	125.5	111.5	-127.5	-9.5	97
Augrabies	-29.5	202.5	172.5	-108	-5.5	223.5
Vredendal	-13.5	78	194	0	45	303

RICHARDSON (CU)	MAY TOTAL	JUNE TOTAL	JULY TOTAL	AUGUST TOTAL	1 SEP – 10 SEP	MAY- 10 SEP
2024						
Groblerstroom	-22.5	73	46.5	-2.5	-10	82
Keimoes	-173	115	180.5	47	-65	61.5
Kakamas	-185.5	2	128	0	-87.5	-184.5
Augrabies	-364	46.5	217.5	-4.5	-85	-231
Vredendal	-85	-25	220.5	140	-26	201.5



According to Avenant et al (2014), the following table represents the cold units for some regions. The data is used to evaluate the bud break potential of table grapes but can be used to evaluate raisin grapes.

Long term mean chill unit accumulation in the five major table grape production regions in South Africa.

REGION AND WEATHER STATION	DATA PERIOD	MONTH	CU	DPCU
ORANGE RIVER REGION				
Kakamas (28° 79 S, 20° 66 E, Alt. 662 m)	1996–2012	5	-119	50
		6	52	112
		7	39	108
		8	-49	79
		Total	-78	349
Augrabies (28° 64 S, 20° 35 E, Alt. 648 m)	1997–2012	5	-146	44
		6	77	128
		7	75	125
		8	-24	94
		Total	-18	391
OLIFANTS RIVER VALLEY				
Vredendal (31° 69 S, 18° 48 E, Alt. 43 m)	2004–2012	5	-89	48
		6	9	117
		7	98	148
		8	135	167
		Total	152	479

According to the article, the minimum chilling needed to get a high bud break percentage as well as even bud break, are 200 hours between 0 and 10°C or 400 hours at 3° C. The long-term data in the table above shows that the required chilling hours were not reached therefore delayed bud break as well as a low percentage would be anticipated.



RICHARDSON (CU)	MAY TOTAL	JUNE TOTAL	JULY TOTAL	AUGUST TOTAL	1 SEP – 10 SEP	MAY- 10 SEP
2023-2024						
Kakamas	-89.5	63.5	119.5	-63.5	-48.5	-43.5
Augrabies	-196.5	124.5	195	56.5	-45.5	-3.75
Vredendal	-49.5	14	207.5	70	9.5	252.5

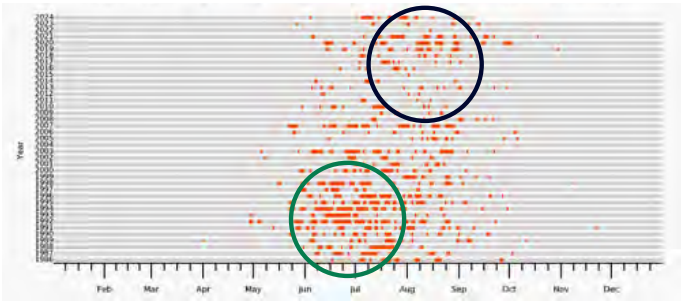
In Table 2, the averages for 2023 and 2024 can be seen. Just like the long-term data depicts, overall, the chilling units is still low meaning that the bud break percentage will be low and delayed, however it is slowly increasing.

Historical data

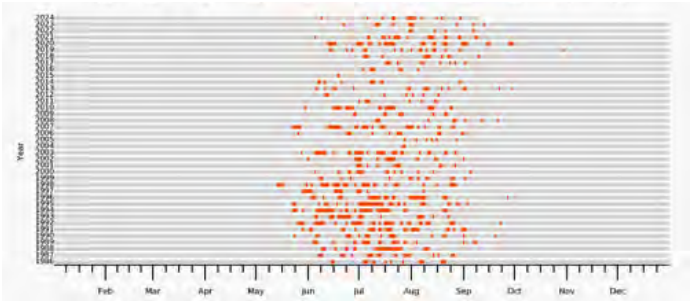
The graphs below illustrate the daily occurrence of cold events from 1986 to 2024. Over time, a noticeable decline in the frequency of these cold events can be observed. In the earlier years, cold events typically began in May or June, peaking during June and July (highlighted by the green circles). However, in more recent years, they started later, in June, and reached their peak in late July and August (blue circles).

This theoretically means that dormancy will start later and bud break will occur later in the year. This affects the yield and quality of the grapes.

Grootdrink



Augrabies



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Nuwe ontwikkelings in navorsing en ontwikkeling by Raisins SA

Deur: Abraham Vermeulen, Raisins SA



Die Navorsing- en Ontwikkelingspan is in Februarie 2024 uitgebrei met die aanstelling van Abraham Vermeulen as navorser en dosent by die Vine Academy en Model Farm.

Die R&D-span het bestaan uit Dr Daniels (R&D-bestuurder), mnr. Vermeulen (Navorser) en mnr. Brand (Navorsingsassistent). Dr Daniels het ook die akademiese kurrikulum by die Vine Academy and Model Farm (VAMF) bestuur.

'n Strategiese sessie oor navorsing en ontwikkeling is in Julie 2024 gehou om die R&D-afdeling met die nuwe Raisins SA-strategie in lyn te bring. Tydens hierdie sessie is besluit dat mnr. Vermeulen die nuwe R&D Bestuurder sal wees. Dr Daniels sal die Akademiese Program- en Opleidingsdirekteur by VAMF wees, maar hy sal voortgaan om te help met sekere navorsingsprojekte, soos die evaluering van nuwe rosyntjiekultivars en droë-op-wingerd proewe.

“

Mnr. Vermeulen sal die navorsingsaktiwiteite en samewerking met eksterne navorsingsinstellings bestuur.

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Raisins SA het verskeie eksterne navorsingsprojekte wat befonds word. Sommige van hierdie projekte sluit in die instandhouding van rosyndruifgenebank, teling en evaluering van nuwe rosyntjiekultivars, evaluering van nuwe onderstekke, afstandswaarneming-masjienleerraamwerk vir wingerdkultivardiskriminasie, opname van die voorkoms van *Pratylenchus* spesies (aalgwurm) in Suid-Afrikaanse wingerde en die identifikasie en biologie van bladspringers op tafel- en rosyntjiedruiwe.

Raisins SA befonds ook interne proewe, wat die evaluering van “Dry-on-Vine” op verskillende traliewerkstelsels insluit, die evaluering van verskillende droogmetodes en fasiliteite, die evaluering van die oorgang van vloed- na drupbesproeiing en die ontwikkeling van betroubare nie-vernietigende metode vir oesskatting. Nuwe projekvoorstelle sluit in voorlopige ondersoek na stambeskerming teen ryp en evaluering van 'n organiese produkprogram om residu in rosyne te verminder.

Tydens die afgelope Nampo Kaap besoek het Mnr Vermeulen en Dr Daniels 'n “Agri in gesprek”-paneelbespreking by gewoon wat gehandel het oor “Navorsing vir Groei”. Verskeie belangrike kwessies is aangespreek. Van hierdie kwessies sluit in die behoefte aan landbounavorsing, die behoefte aan behoorlike befondsing van navorsing en samewerking tussen verskillende rolspelers soos bedryfsliggame, navorsingsinstellings en produsente. Belangrike navorsingsvelde in die landbou sluit in die teel van nuwe siektebestande en droogtebestande kultivars. As slotopmerking het die Minister van Landbou in die Wes Kaap, Dr Ivan Meyer, gesê “Jy sny nie die begroting vir navorsing nie, want jy sny jou lewensverwagting”.



VIR MEER INLIGTING

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FINALE INNAME VOLUMES 2024

Deur: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA

*Met die vorige nuusbrief is die syfers
deurgegee soos op 14 Junie 2024.*

Die innames was toe 96 214 708,3 kilogram.

Die finale inname verslag is finaliseer op 2 Augustus 2024, met 'n totale inname van 96 428 639,68 kg. Die oesskatting (86 000 ton) is oortref met 12,13%.

Die vloei van innames word uitgebeeld in Figuur 1. Die hoogste innames in een week was 14 400 ton (week 10). Oor die afgelope vyf jaar, is dit die hoogste inlewingsyfer vir een week. Die tweede meeste tonne in een week gelewer was in 2020 – met 12 020 ton wat in week 12 ingeneem is. Alle regstellings (indien enige) is in week 24 gedoen.

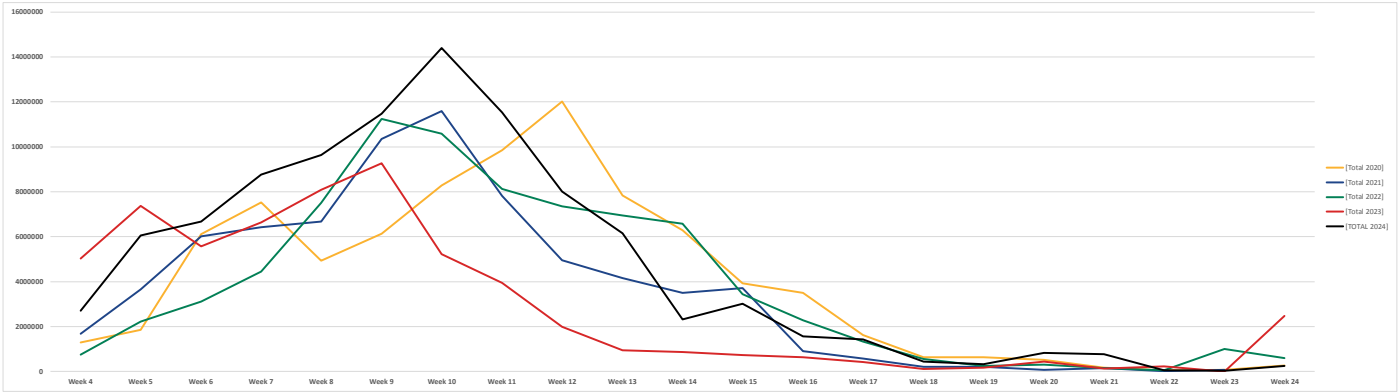




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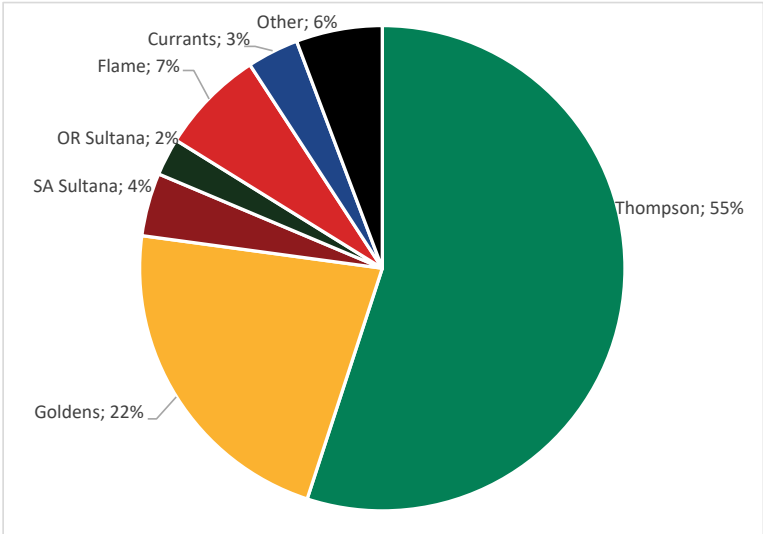
	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11	WEEK 12	WEEK 13	WEEK 14
% of intake - 2020	1,54%	2,21%	7,33%	9,02%	5,90%	7,34%	9,92%	11,81%	14,41%	9,38%	7,54%
% of intake - 2021	2,30%	5,03%	8,26%	8,84%	9,18%	14,24%	15,94%	10,74%	6,79%	5,72%	4,82%
% of intake - 2022	1,03%	3,05%	5,13%	6,12%	10,32%	15,48%	14,55%	11,19%	10,10%	9,54%	9,06%
% of intake - 2023	7,59%	11,15%	8,42%	10,02%	12,23%	14,02%	7,90%	5,98%	3,00%	1,44%	1,32%
% of intake - 2024	2,86%	7,15%	7,76%	10,20%	11,27%	13,35%	16,81%	13,41%	9,32%	7,15%	2,69%

	WEEK 15	WEEK 16	WEEK 17	WEEK 18	WEEK 19	WEEK 20	WEEK 21	WEEK 22	WEEK 23	WEEK 24
% of intake - 2020	4,71%	4,18%	1,94%	0,75%	0,76%	0,61%	0,21%	0,05%	0,08%	0,33%
% of intake - 2021	5,11%	1,24%	0,79%	0,29%	0,28%	0,11%	0,20%	0,02%	0,11%	0,00%
% of intake - 2022	4,74%	3,13%	1,83%	0,76%	0,32%	0,42%	0,19%	0,98%	0,06%	0,02%
% of intake - 2023	1,10%	0,97%	0,62%	0,18%	0,25%	0,66%	0,20%	0,33%	0,00%	3,72%
% of intake - 2024	3,51%	1,82%	1,66%	0,52%	0,36%	0,97%	0,89%	0,06%	0,03%	0,28%





Die samestelling van die oes word in Figuur 2 getoon:



Ons is opreg dankbaar saam met elke produsent vir die verbeterde opbrengs in 2024, en ons is vol moed vir 'n voorspoedige oes in 2025. Baie sterkte met die voorbereiding vir 2025!





Stand van sake in Turkye

Deur: Ferdie Botha, Raisins SA

Turkye is die wêreld se grootste produksiegebied en ongeveer drie maal die grootte van Suid-Afrika ten opsigte van tonne rosyne geproduseer.

Gedurende 2023 het giere weer hul produksie wesenlik beïnvloed, soortgelyk aan ons 2022/23 produksieseisoen. Hulle amptelike oes vir 2023 is nou bekend as minder as 200 000 ton. Die 80 000 ton se oordragvoorraad is ook ten volle uitgewis, wat dus wêreld voorraadsvlakke feitlik nul maak. Die gemiddelde verhandelde pryse vir Turkse produk, vir 2023/24, was \$2 345/ton wat 'n 46% verhoging in die Turkse prys teweeg gebring het. Hul pryse het gestyg van vlakke van \$1 600/ ton na \$4 200/per ton oor die periode.

Dit is egter belangrik om te meld dat die \$4 200/ton, op beperkte volumes plaasgevind het.

Die nuwe seisoen (2024), wat eindig einde September, word beraam op 230 000 ton wat ook baie kleiner is as hul tradisionele produksievlakke van 300 000 tot 320 000. Met byna geen internasionale voorraad en die kleiner oeste, is aanbod laer wat opwaartse druk op pryse plaas. Die huidige aanduiding is dat pryse handel tussen \$3 000–3 500/ton.

Raisins SA en meeste van ons verpakkers verteenwoordig die bedryf die jaar by SIAL se voedselskou (19–23 Oktober 2024) en ons sien uit na terugvoer uit die mark.



SA is experiencing a turnaround: What does this mean for agriculture?

By: Daneel Rossouw, Head of Sales for Agriculture at Nedbank Commercial Banking



The past 2 years have been difficult to say the least, but things are turning around at last, and the agriculture sector can hopefully begin to look beyond survival mode.

The economy grew marginally by 0.4% in the second quarter of 2024, suggesting that the worst of the downturn may be behind us. Recoveries in finance, manufacturing, domestic trade, government, and personal services were driven partly by the improvement in electricity supply, while domestic spending was revitalised by lower inflation.

Consumer inflation has now slowed for a third consecutive month, cooling to 4.4% – its lowest since April 2021. The interest rate has dropped by 25 basis points, and fuel prices have been slashed 4 times this year, with another decrease expected next month. We are, therefore, optimistic that this recovery will continue until the end of the year before strengthening throughout 2025 and 2026, with slower growth in government spending and weak fixed investment expected to moderate increases in consumer demand for the remainder of 2024.

Eskom's electricity availability factor (EAF) has improved dramatically and rapid growth in private generation has made a crucial difference. Consequently, load-shedding is expected to have a negligible impact on GDP growth this year and no impact next year. That said, it's important that South Africa presses ahead with adding generation and grid capacity.



The peaceful elections and government of national unity have also improved sentiment and are creating a growth environment. The resulting unwinding of South Africa's risk premium has made the rand more resilient and, as a result, it is one of only 3 emerging market currencies that has stood its ground against the US dollar this year. This is important because the exchange rate impacts South African export prices, the price of imported inputs, and the competitiveness of our agricultural industry. Agriculture contracted by 2.1% in the second quarter of 2024, after growing 13.5% in the first quarter. However, this was expected because of the impact of unfavourable weather conditions on field crops and disease outbreaks on animal products.

Importantly, the Agbiz/IDC Agribusiness Confidence Index recovered by 10 points to 48 in the third quarter of 2024 after a sharp decline in the second quarter to its lowest level since the 2009 global financial crisis. This was driven mainly by the positive outcome of the elections and the prolonged pause in load-shedding. It also reflects the expectations of La Niña in the 2024/25 summer season, which would bring much-needed rains for summer crops and fill dams and rivers to the benefit of areas under irrigation.

While this positive shift is welcomed, if we are to maintain an upward trend in the agriculture sector and move above the 50-point mark, the improved sentiment must translate into tangible results. This means making significant progress on perennial challenges such as the weak local economy, poorly maintained infrastructure, improved market access, poor municipal service delivery and animal disease challenges.

Two challenges that continue to weigh on the agricultural export sector are port inefficiency and continued geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East. However, organised agriculture and agribusinesses continue to build a productive relationship with Transnet and steps are being taken to partially privatise ports to increase efficiency.

At Nedbank, we have supported our clients through the challenging trading environment over the past 2 years and, given the numerous positive indicators outlined above, we look forward to strong sector growth in 2025.





Transformasie



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The VAMF doing good for Mandela Day

By: Arthur Phillipus and Dr Andries Daniels

Nelson Mandela once said,

“

There can be no greater gift than giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return.

”

South Africans all around the country celebrated the life of Mandela by paving it forward in many generous ways as generosity was one of the many good things Nelson Mandela was known for.

South Africa has a very high rate of unemployment and because of that so many people are impoverished with most not knowing where their next meal is going to come from. It is of importance that we globally answer the call to be of service to our fellow man.





It was, therefore, imperative that the Vine Academy and Model Farm (VAMF) that is an institution that seeks to transform the lives of the previously disadvantaged heeded this call and one way it could do so was by uplifting the spirit and giving back to the community.

Thus, on Friday, 26 July 2024, the students and staff members of the VAMF came together in one of the neighbourhoods in Kakamas to do their bit of good for Mandela Day by giving the community members a warm cup of soup and a packet of raisins sponsored by Raisins South Africa (Raisins SA) as one of the Transformation portfolio's initiatives.

The students gleefully served the elderly, the youth, and the little children of the community. The big smiles on the faces of the community members cueing to be served some of very nice soup prepared by the VAMF's cafeteria staff could hardly be contained and the joy of the VAMF's students to be part of this initiative was quite tangible in the air as they happily served the soup and handed out the raisins.

This small yet notable effort to help feed the disadvantaged, must surely must have gone a long way from the repeated thank you and words of appreciation directed towards the staff and the students afterwards. Together, with small acts like this, we surely can do more to try and make our beloved country a better place for all who live in it.

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SCATEC HMO EDUCATIONAL TOUR

By: Arthur Phillipus and Dr Andries Daniels

Raisins SA's Transformation portfolio, in its commitment to social responsibility and community development, collaborated with SCATEC Solar to sponsor the studies of 15 scholars who come from previously disadvantaged backgrounds from Hoërskool Martin Oosthuizen in Kakamas through a bursary fund.

One of the programs running under the bursary project is to cultivate a stern desire and passion within the learners to want better for themselves and their families and to realise that education is the key steppingstone to achieving exactly that. It was, therefore, very important to take all the Gr11 and Gr12 learners receiving a bursary on this educational tour to the Western Cape.

Key to this was to give them first-hand experience of the different agricultural institutions that are available where they can go and study in various fields are under the agriculture umbrella.



Also, what the feel and look of these institutions are like, and what the requirements are to go and study there. On the tour they visited Stellenbosch University, Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institution, the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, as well as the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) at Infruitec-Nietvorbij in Stellenbosch.

During the visit to Stellenbosch University, the learners were taken to the Central Analytical Facility (CAF)'s laboratories. Here were introduced to instruments such as the High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) that does very fine analysis on samples of basically any product and was explained by William Arries-Alexander on how results from the analysis done on products can be interpreted.

They were also taken on a tour through the experimental cellar of the Department of Viticulture and Oenology by Edmund Lackay, the cellar master, and guided through how undergraduate as well as post graduate students learn to make wine for educational as well as research purposes. He also showed them the wine collection that they house of brands all over the world. After that they were addressed by Stellenbosch University staff of the alumni office and their first day ended with a tour of the Stellenbosch University Library.

After a thorough introduction and tour of the campus buildings by Brenton Maarman at the Elsenburg Agricultural Institution. They were once more treated to a tour of the Elsenburg wine cellar where Brenton explained about the different wine making practices and how wine is being stored there for ageing.





During the HMO learners visit to the Agricultural Research Council. Dr Zelda Bijzet, Senior Research Manager of the Crop Development Division, gave a thorough introduction of the ARC, what it does and etc. The learners were then taken to the Plant Protection Facility where they were explained about what Entomology (the study of insects) is and what Nematology (the study of miniscule worm-like creatures) is. Also, how both these fields have significant economic importance for the agricultural sector if their appearance and life patterns are not well understood and managed accordingly.

After that they were shown the different research work that is being done by the ARC's other divisions and the various career paths they can end up in after completing their studies in the numerous numbers of agricultural courses offered at the three different institutions that they had just visited. This included the Postharvest and Processing research facility where Dr Anel Botes explained what analysis is being done on fruit to determine their postharvest quality. This ranged from the sugar and acid levels to the firmness of the fruit after different cold storage protocols.

At the Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Agricultural Department on the Wellington campus, the learners were received by Dr Anton Nel who showed them around the farm on which the students do their practical and what type of experiments they do in the laboratory when they come and study in the field of viticulture and oenology.

The final stop of the tour was the head office of SCATEC Solar where the learners were treated to refreshments, presentations about what it is that SCATEC does and why such developmental projects like the HMO bursary fund are so important to them as a global company having so many projects running in Northern Cape Province of South Africa. After a presentation from Dr Andries Daniels on the Raisins SA and SCATEC bursary initiative and what it means and does for the learners, they were taken around the different departments of SCATEC. The learners expressed their gratitude to SCATEC and bid them farewell with a renewed hope and passion for their futures and career paths in the agricultural stream.

Undoubtedly, the Educational Tour would not have been the great success that it was without the hard work and dedication to planning and organising it from the Raisins SA team and of course the approval of the sponsorship for it from SCATEC.



*Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who
prepare for it today.*

Malcolm X





Inligting & Kommunikasie



COIDA Registrasie

*Deur: Stephan Pienaar,
Work Accident Support*

*In terme van die Wet op Vergoeding vir
Beroepsbeserings en Siektes (COIDA)
moet alle besighede insluitend produsente
registreer met die Departement van
Indiensneming en Arbeid se Vergoedingsfonds
om hulle werkers te dek teen werksbeserings.*

Daar is ongeveer 1 miljoen besighede geregistreer met
die Fonds insluitend 30 000 produsente en hulle moet
jaarliks hulle lone en 'n versekering betaal.

Volgens COIDA is die landboubedryf in 4 verskillende
subklasse verdeel en elke subklas betaal 'n tarief aan die
Vergoedingsfonds.

Veeboerdery:

Boerderye wie boer met lewende hawe, skaapskeerders,
dippery kontrakteurs en besighede wat landbouskoue
aanbied.

Tarief:

2.65 vir **elke R100 in lone** wat 'n boerdery
betaal **aan werkers.**

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Grondbewerking en bosbou:

Boerderye wie vrugte en groente plant en dit oes.

Tarief:

2.65 vir **elke R100 in lone** wat 'n boerdery
betaal **aan werkers.**

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Gemengde boerdery:

Boerderye wie boer met vee en wat gewasse plant op 'n
gelyke skaal.

Tarief:

1.65 vir **elke R100 in lone** wat 'n boerdery
betaal **aan werkers.**



Suiker en Tee Boerdery

Boerderye wie suikerriet en/of tee plant.

Tarief:

0.65 vir **elke R100 in lone** wat 'n boerdery betaal **aan werkers.**

Baie boerdery het pakhuise op hul plase en verpak die vrugte of groente nadat dit ge-oes is en volgens COIDA is daar ook verkillende sub-klasse:

Vrugte en groente verpakking

Verpakking, gradering en storing van vars vrugte en groente.

Tarief:

0.51 vir **elke R100 in lone** wat 'n boerdery betaal **aan werkers.**

Vrugte en groente verwerking

Maak van konfyt, inlê van vrugte, groente en kos ens, verpakking en stoor daarvan.

Boerderye wie pakhuise het moet ondersoek instel om die pakhuise as 'n aparte entiteit te registreer met die Vergoedingsfonds. Indien suksesvol kan dit tot groot besparings lei aangesien die tarief betaalbaar deur 'n pakhuise baie minder is as 'n boerdery.

Soos met enige versekering is dit belangrik vir 'n boerderye om te kyk of hulle registrasie met die Vergoedingsfonds korrek is. Boerderye verander hulle bedrywighede bv. waar 'n boerderye slegs met vee geboer, maar ook gewasse begin aanplant en in so 'n geval kan aansoek gedoen word om die subklas te verander na 'n gemengde boerdery en dit kan groot besparings lei.

Dit is uiters belangrik dat alle boerderye enige uitstaande lone verklaar en alle rekeninge op datum bring aangesien die Wysingswet op Vergoeding vir Beroepsbeserings en Siektes in 2023 goedgekeur is. Van die regulasies wat geïmplimenteer gaan word is die groot administratiewe boetes wat gehê sal word vir alle agterstallige rekeninge en die laat verklaring van lone.



VIR MEER INLIGTING

Grootplaas tv onderhoud i.v.m. subklasse vir boerderye.



Kyk Video Hier



Baked oats with banana, raisins and pecans

By: Sam Linsell, Drizzle and Dip

These baked oats are loaded with whole food and plant diversity. They are packed with fibre and are great for meal prep and can be stored in the fridge for up to a week. Just heat and serve with your favourite toppings such as yogurt, honey, maple syrup, fresh fruit, or milk

Recipe – serves 9

Preparation: 10

Cooking: 25-30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 large ripe bananas mashed ($\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup)
- 1 large free-range egg
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter melted
- 325ml / 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract or essence
- 190 grams / 2 cups whole rolled oats (not instant or quick-cook oats)
- 1 scoop vanilla protein powder (optional but adds roughly 23 grams of protein)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 55 grams / $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar (add more to make it sweeter)
- 65 grams / $\frac{1}{3}$ cup raisins or sultanas
- 30 grams of pecan nuts, roughly chopped
- 3 Tbsp Chia seeds
- 1 Tbs ground flax seeds

Instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 180C/350F.
- Add the wet ingredients: mashed banana, egg, peanut butter, milk, and vanilla to a bowl or jug and mix to combine.
- In a large bowl add the rest of the ingredients (dry) and give it a mix.
- Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix.
- Grease or line a 20cm x 20cm (8 X 8 inch) square baking dish with non-stick parchment paper. Decant the mixture into the tin, pressing it into the corners to level it.
- Bake for 25 – 30 minutes until golden brown and firm to the touch throughout.
- Allow to cool then remove and cut out 6 – 9 pieces depending on your portion size. Store in the fridge for a week and reheat what you need in the morning for breakfast as needed.
- Any leftovers can be frozen for future use.
- Serve with yoghurt, milk, fresh berries, maple syrup, honey, fresh berries, sliced bananas or anything else you fancy.





Kantoornuus:

Nuwe aanstelling - Minessa la Grange



NOTA

Vir enige finansiële navrae,
kontak haar gerus by



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Minessa La Grange, was 16 jaar werksaam in die Finansiële Departement by 'n alombekende bou maatskappy in Uppington. Sy het haar nuwe uitdaging aan gepak op 1 Augustus 2024 by Raisin SA kantoor, ook in die Finansiële Departement. Sy glo dat 'n mens verandering moet sien as 'n vernuwing van jouself en jou menswees.



Ek sien uit na die pad vorentoe saam met met die Raisin SA span. Ek glo aan doeltreffende harde werk, maar ook aan balans tussen jou loopbaan en kwaliteit tyd saam met jou gesin



As sy nie op kantoor is nie, sal jy haar met haar voete in die Kalahari se rooisand vind tussen haar hartsmense en vriende.

Baie welkom by ons Minessa!

Oneffektiwiteite kos bedryf miljoene

Deur: Ferdie Botha, Raisins SA

Iets eenvoudig soos die hanteer en bestuur van ons bedryf se 200 000 bins, kos ons miljoene as gevolg van ooreenkomste wat nie nagekom word nie.

Na 'n deeglike ondersoek, word die skade wat die bedryf lei op ongeveer R20m–R40m beraam, of anders gestel tussen R0.20–R0.40 per kilogram.

Dit is as gevolg van die inlewering van bins by 'n alternatiewe verpakker as die eienaar van dieselfde bins. Die koste items wat aanleiding hiertoe gee is aanvanklike vervoerkoste, inhuur van addisionele bins, administratiewe kostes ensovoorts.





KARTERING VAN DROOGDRUIF-BLOKKE

Deur: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA

Oor die afgelope drie jaar is daar deur FruitFly Africa gepoog om droogdruif hektare te karteer, om sodoende jaarliks die vrugtevliegspatte akkuraat en suksesvol af te handel.

Die inligting aangevra tydens die opnames was jaarliks onvolledig, en kartering kon nog nie 100% suksesvol afgehandel word, en rekonsilieer met die hektare soos aangedui op Agrihub nie.

Vanaf 2024 is Raisins SA betrokke by die proses om inligting in te win en om die kartering akkuraat af te handel, asook om die Agrihub data te verifieer en op te dateer.

LET DAAROP DAT DIE VOLGENDE INLIGTING NODIG IS PER PRODUSENT:

- 1 PUC nommer
- 2 Bloknommer//naam
- 3 Koördinaat per bloknommer//naam (ten minste 3m binne blok geneem)

Die inligting sal op 'n databasis gestoor word, en jaarliks updateer met nuwe lugfoto's. Dus, indien die oefening akkuraat gedoen word hierdie jaar, sal dit nie weer in die toekoms herhaal hoef te word nie. Dit sal visueel voorgestel word, en 'n platvorm skep waar die data in intelligensie omskakel word. Vrugtevliegteellings, water monitering en baie meer elemente sal hierby inkorporeer word (verwys na Hannes Gerber se aanbieding by die Nedbank//Raisins SA Simposium van 29 Augustus).

Ons pleit dat u die mede produsente in u boereverenigings sal motiveer om die inligting deur te gee soos versoek.

Om u inligting deur te gee, of 'n afspraak te reël, kontak asseblief vir Madene Conradie by:

Madene epos



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HIERDIE PROJEK STREK OOR TWEE JAAR, EN SAL BINNEKORT IN DIE OLIFANTSRIVIER OOK UITGEROL WORD.



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Gala



By: Chantelle Kotze, Raisins SA

The night was filled with elegance and excitement as guests arrived in their finest attire, embodying the sophisticated colour scheme.

The Naftali Estate was adorned with twinkling fairy lights and elegant decorations, setting the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable evening.

As the awards ceremony began, the anticipation in the room was palpable. This year marked a delightful first: not only would a winner be crowned in each category, but a runner-up was also be honoured. A new accolade emerged: the Most Improved Grower of the Year, awarded to the pleasantly surprised Adriaan Alberts, whose unwavering dedication and toil had truly blossomed.

Yet, the evening's pinnacle was the prestigious Industry Leader and Contributor Award, presented to a grower whose impact on the industry was nothing short of monumental.

Johannes Fourie from Lofdal Boerdery made history as the inaugural recipient of both honours at a Gala.

Matie van Graan kept the atmosphere lively with her wit and charm, ensuring that laughter was a constant companion throughout the night.

“

The 7th annual Raisins Gala was not just a celebration of achievement but also a reminder of the close-knit community that thrives on mutual support and shared success.

”

Category winners:



HMO STUDENT OF THE YEAR:

Juan Koortzen



VINE ACADEMY AND
MODEL FARM TOP STUDENT:

Dawid Hayes



VINE ACADEMY AND MODEL
FARM SECOND-BEST STUDENT:

Nosizwe Mkhonza



FARM WORKER OF THE YEAR:

Ashley Speelman



INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR:

Coetzer Hanekom



GROWER IN TRANSITION

Jade Loxton



GROWER IN TRANSITION RUNNER-UP: MOST IMPROVED GROWER:

Elsie O'Ryan



Adriaan Alberts



WOMEN GROWER OF THE YEAR:

Ané van Zyl



WOMEN GROWER OF THE YEAR
RUNNER-UP:

Susan van der Merwe



YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR
WINNER:

Yster van Schalkwyk



YOUNG GROWER OF THE YEAR
RUNNER-UP:

Junior van der Merwe



INDUSTRY LEADER AND INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTOR:

Johannes Fourie



Oranjerivier Oesbeskerming trek nuwe baadjie aan

Deur: Elphia von Wielligh, OROB



Op 13 Augustus 2024 het OROB (Oranjerivier Oesbeskerming) die opening van hul nuut-opgeknapte kantore in Keimoes gevier.

Sedert 1997 is OROB 'n betroubare voorsiener van landbouchemikalieë, kunsmis en kundige tegniese advies. Die heropening van die nuwe kantoor is 'n huldeblyk aan die maatskappy se voortdurende toewyding om uitmuntende diens en groei te lewer.

Dié mylpaal is gevier deur middel van 'n Opedag, waar boere en verskaffers die geleentheid gehad het om mekaar te ontmoet. Kennis, advies en ervarings is gedeel. Die tong-in-die-kies aanslag vir die dag was:

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*Kom ontmoet die man agter die
Sakkie óf die Kan en groet die
Boer agter die roer.*

”

'n Wye verskeidenheid verskaffers het op die dag bemerkings-stalletjies opgerig en deur die loop van die oggend was daar 'n reeks insiggewende praatjies oor die nuutste landboupraktike en strategieë vir algemene landbou-uitdagings. Die volgende onderwerpe, onder andere is aangespreek: Die verandering in die seksuele voorkeure van witroes, produktiwiteits- en pesmoniteringstegnologieë, sowel as die nuutste sitrus en dadel setpraktike. Daar was ook besprekings oor die verskillende stamme van botritis en die effektiewe bekampings daarvan.



Een van die hoogtepunte van die dag was die demonstrasie van gevorderde tegnologie soos die indrukwekkende spuittoedieningshommeltuig van PACsys, wat die potensiaal om presisie landbou toe te pas revolusioneer. 'n Ander fassinerende demonstrasie was deur Nemlab aangebied. Gaste kon nematodes en knopmyte onder mikorskope beskou, wat 'n dieper begrip van hierdie kritieke grond- en plantgesondheidsfaktore gebied het.

Verskeie bekende verskaffers het aan die dag deelgeneem, insluitend AECI, Philagro, Bayer, Corteva, Koppert, Kynoch, Rovensa Next, Bancella, Syngenta en Kelpak. Elke verskaffer het hul eie unieke kundigheid en produkte ten toon gestel.

Met die toekoms ingedagte sê Jaco Smit die volgende:

“

Ek en my bekwame span is baie opgewonde oor die nuwe ontwikkelinge en geleenthede wat vir OROB op die horison wag.

”

Planne is onderweg om OROB se produktereeke uit te brei. Hierdie uitbreiding weerspieël die onwankelbare missie van OROB om hul kliënte se sukses te dryf, deur hoë kwaliteit produkte te verskaf, om sodoende produktiwiteit te verbeter en gesonder gewasse te verbou.

Benewens die verskeidenheid produkte wat OROB bied is hul ook toegewyd om uitsonderlike tegniese bystand aan produsente te verskaf, om te verseker dat hulle die nodige ondersteuning ontvang om optimale resultate te bereik.

Die opknapping van OROB se voorkoms verteenwoordig nie net 'n nuwe hoofstuk vir die organisasie nie, maar ook belangrike vooruitgang vir die landboubedryf in die Benede-Oranje. Met 'n fokus op innovasie, samewerking en uitmuntendheid, is OROB goed geposisioneer om voortaan 'n positiewe impak op die landbougemeenskap te maak.





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Landbouskou

Deur: Chantelle Kotze, Raisins SA

In Augustus het die Vine Academy en Model Farm gasheer gespeel vir die eerste Raisins SA Landbouskou. Vanjaar se skou het 70 uitstallers byeengebring, wat baie die nuutste vooruitgang in die landbou aangebied het, veral op die gebied van rosyntjieproduksie.

Die geleentheid was 'n viering van die dinamika van die landbousektor, met 'n uiteenlopende verskeidenheid uitstallings. Skougangers het die unieke geleentheid gehad om verskeie aspekte van die bedryf te verken, van innoverende oestoeërusting tot nuwe druifvariëteite wat aangepas is vir optimale rosyntjiegehalte.

Die Vine Academy en Model Farm het die perfekte agtergrond vir die vertoning verskaf, met sy uitgestrekte terrein en moderne fasiliteite wat 'n omvattende blik op moderne landboupraktyke bied.



Die akademie se verbintenis tot onderwys en navorsing in wingerdbou en agronomie was regdeur die geleentheid duidelik, met baie van die uitstallings wat die sinergie tussen akademiese navorsing en praktiese boerdery-oplossings beklemtoon het.

Onder die uitstaande kenmerke van vanjaar se skou was die interaktiewe werksinkels en lewendige demonstrasies wat besoekers in staat gestel het om direk met kundiges in die bedryf te skakel. Hierdie sessies het 'n wye reeks onderwerpe gedek, insluitend plaagbestuur, grondgesondheid en die nuutste in besproeiingstechnologie, alles noodsaaklik vir die verbetering van die kwaliteit en volhoubaarheid van rosyntjieproduksie.

Die skou het ook gedien as 'n netwerksentrum, wat boere, navorsers en professionele persone in die bedryf bymekaar gebring het om idees uit te ruil en nuwe vennootskappe te smee.

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Hierdie samewerkende atmosfeer het die Raisins SA Landboukou se rol in die bevordering van innovasie beklemtoon.

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*Tentatieve datums wat steeds kan verander



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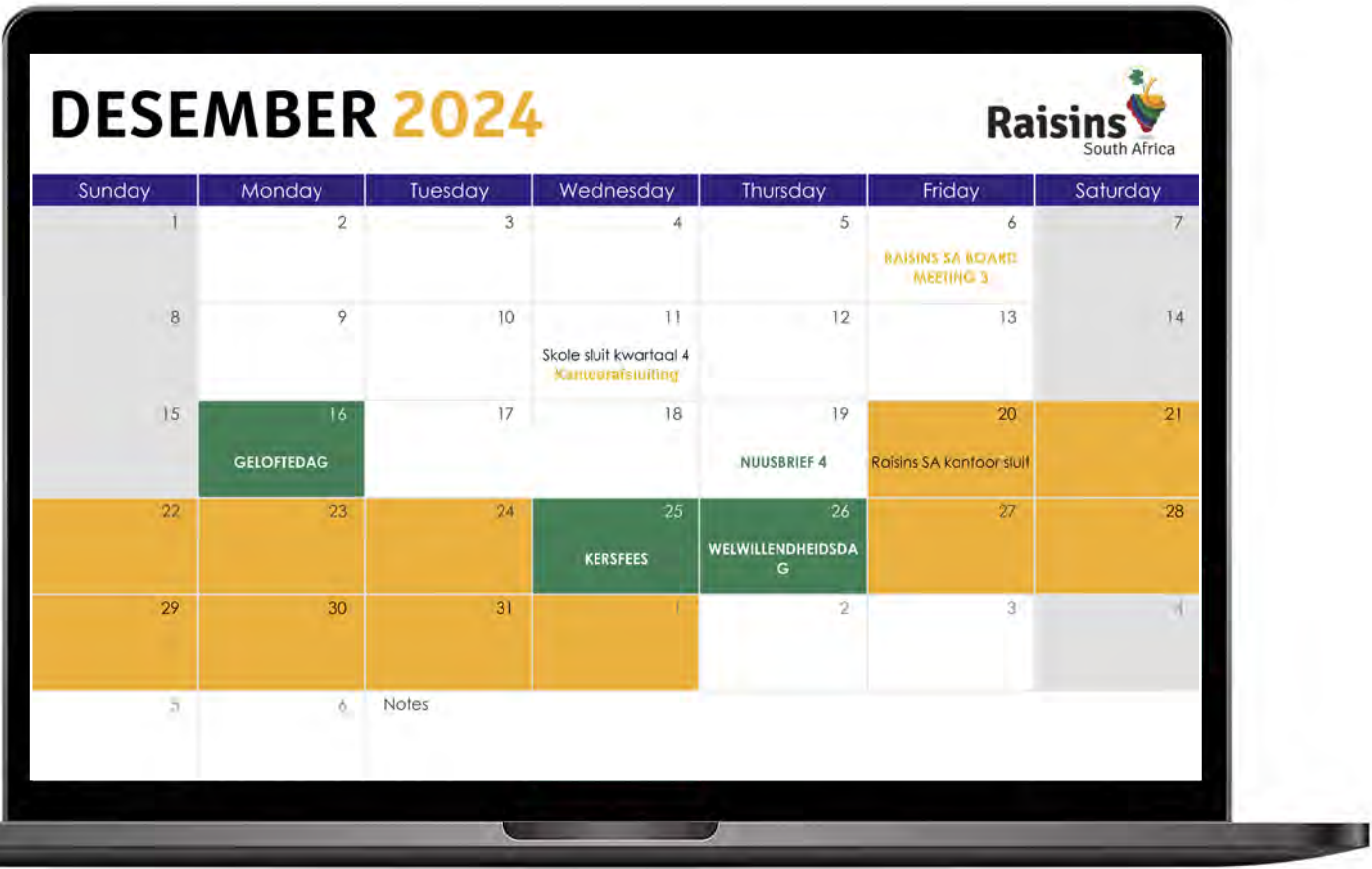
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Kalender

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Vine Academy and Model Farm Very First Graduation Day Celebrations

By: Nosizwe R. Mkhonza and
Dr Andries J. Daniels



On the 17th of July 2023, the Vine Academy and Model Farm welcomed its first group of students to come and study a National Certificate in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture (NQF level 4).

Of the seventeen students, few were day students and the rest resided at the academy's hostel as full-time participators in the course. The programme involves theory classes accompanied by practical activities in the vineyard. Since the agricultural sector is a very hands-on industry, a good practical understanding other than just theoretical knowledge is an important factor to consider when looking to employ aspirant graduates. While students are predominantly exposed to Raisin grape production and wine grape cultivation, soon table grape production will become part of their practical experiences too.

Potential students looking to also come and study at the Vine Academy and Model Farm, can either apply to be part of the NQF level 4 Certificate course that the students from last year graduated with or the National Diploma in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture, like the ones that are continuing their studies. The Certificate is therefore a one-year course consisting of seven modules i.e. Basic Computer Skills (COMP110), Communication Skills (COMM114), Applied Mathematics & Statistics (MATH114), Agricultural Science (AGSC110), Agricultural Management & Economics (AGMA114), Plant Science (PLNT114), Viticulture (VITI114), in the 1st semester.



In the second semester the modules are Communication Skills (COMM124), Agricultural Engineering Technology (ENG124), Plant Science (PLNT120), Agricultural Management & Economics (AGMA124) and Viticulture (VITI124). The National Diploma in Plant Production comprises of first semester modules that are Applied Mathematics & Statistics (MATH215), Plant Science (PLNT215), Agricultural Management & Economics (AGMA215) and Viticulture (VITI215). The second semester modules are Agricultural Management & Economics (AGMA225), Plant Science (PLNT225), and Viticulture (VITI225).

Other than these formal qualifications in Viticulture, the Vine Academy and Model Farm also offer the Modular Table and Raisins Grape Short Course in collaboration with Stellenbosch University, the South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) and Raisins South Africa (Raisins SA) on an NQF 6 level. This one is more aimed at established professionals in the industry already looking to freshen up their knowledge with updated and new information since they graduated.

Then there are other short training courses (one or two days) available for various industry role players, from the first-generation farmers to general farm workers, but also Junior Production Managers or Production Managers. These range from basic training in pruning, First Aid, Tractor Driver, Spray Pump Operator, Farm Machinery and Equipment Maintenance, as well as Safe Use, Storage and application of Agrochemicals and even on Pests and Diseases.

Since the VAMF also endeavours to equip students with knowledge in the whole value chain. The practical activities comprise of a wide range of tasks from pruning in the dormancy stage, harvesting, drying practices up until the shipping of the raisins after harvest. Exposure to the chemical store, drying facilities, different trellising systems, different rootstock and cultivars, different vineyard management practices, irrigation system installation and maintenance also form part of their practical training.

Students also get to work at different grape farms in the Northern Cape Province. Student tours are organised to visit farms and wine cellars such as Die Mas van Kakamas and Orange River Cellars, and raisins grape packing facilities such as Carpe Diem Raisins, Prosperitas Foods and Southern Cross Farms.

Top achieving students get to be chosen by sponsors. By far two students, one in the first and one in the second-year group have been at the Southern Cross Farms to work there during the winter holidays and will be returning there during the summer season. These students have been exposed to working with table grape cultivars and to pack dates.

The rest of the students who apply for holiday work will be placed on temporary contract employment by farms that advertise positions or directly come and source students from the VAMF for holiday work.



A high potential employment possibility is, therefore, a perk that comes with studying at the Vine Academy and Model Farm as students are exposed to potential employment opportunities and new experiences through the industrial connection the academy already has.

Back to the successful completion of the first-year celebration since its opening that was preceded by the graduation ceremony of the first students obtaining their Certificate in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture on 18 July (Mandela Day), it was indeed a very memorable and proud moment to be celebrated. The students were handed their certificates while dawned in their beautiful and fancy garments.

First time graduates, at a first-time transformation training academy where they were thrilled to finally walk down the stage as their names were called out. Two students received merit awards at the ceremony, Dawid Hayes as the Top Achiever (12 distinctions in all his modules with an average of 87%) and Nosizwe Mkhonza as the Second Best Achiever with (12 distinctions in all her modules with an average of 81%).

A whole year successfully closed with the capping of the students at the Vine Academy and Model Farm.



Vine Academy and Model Farm Very First Birthday Celebrations

By: Dr Andries J. Daniels, Raisins SA



What started out as a dream by three visionary individuals, Dr Ferdie Botha (CEO of Raisins SA), Simone Oliphant (Transformation Manager of Raisins SA) and Stefan Jordaan (Agri-Specialist and Business Development Service Provider Manager at Raisins SA), together with the two other founding members, Kgodiso Development Fund and High School Martin Oosthuizen, became a reality with the launch of the Vine Academy and Model Farm on 19 May 2022.

A year later, 05 June 2023, the Vine Academy and Model Farm was officially opened. Just over a month after that the first intake of students were welcomed on 17 July.

Fast forward a year and those very first group of students graduated with a National Certificate in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture (NQF level 4). This coincided with the second VAMF Board meeting being held the previous day and the celebration of the one-year anniversary of this truly remarkable and groundbreaking higher education institution, the very first of its kind in the Northern Cape town of Kakamas.

The economy of this town is based on farming, and thanks to irrigation from the Orange River farmers from the Kakamas area are now prime exporters of table grapes. The region also exports peaches, dried fruit, raisins, oranges and dates.

Sadly, however, like so many other small towns depended on agriculture for their livelihood, there are no tertiary institutions or facilities where either aspirant farmers or school leaving individuals can go to for skills development in these commodities that the town's economy can't survive without. The Vine Academy and Model Farm is, therefore, now that Academic Institution that offers a valuable chain of qualifications in Viticulture in collaboration with Raisins SA and Industry Partners like Kgodiso Trust to address specific academic and skills challenges within the vine industry in South Africa.

Potential learners can either apply to be part of the NQF level 4 Certificate course in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture (that the first intake of students graduated in) or the NQF level 5 National Diploma in Plant Production with Specialisation in Viticulture.





The surrounding communities can also continue to benefit from other than these two formal qualifications in Viticulture, by enrolling for the Modular Table and Raisin Grape Short Course in collaboration with Stellenbosch University, the South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) and Raisins South Africa (Raisins SA), that is on an NQF 6 level.

The advantage of this course is that it is scheduled over several months and is aimed at individuals already working in the industry for one or many years. These individuals are then looking at either advancing their knowledge with new or updated information (i.e. irrigation, raisin or table grape production etc.) or need a Certificate showing that they have sufficient knowledge in their field of work. They are assessed after each course and handed a Certificate if the assessment is passed.

In addition, the VAMF also offer short training courses (one or two days) on a NQF level 2. These are available for various individuals in the industry, from the small holder/ first-generation farmers to general farm workers, but also Junior Production Managers or Production Managers. These short training courses range from basic training in Pruning, First Aid, Tractor Driver, Spray Pump Operator, Farm Machinery and Equipment Maintenance, as well as Safe Use, Storage and Application of Agrochemicals and even on Pests and Diseases. All these courses are accredited by AgriSETA.

Because of the unique set-up of the VAMF dedicated field days are held during the relevant stages of production to empower commercial, small holder/first generation farmers with the information critical for their successful farming. The VAMF is thus channelling all its resources, i.e. expertise of the R&D personnel stationed there, and the technology used at the facility to teach and empower all. It was, therefore, just apt that such an achievement was duly celebrated with a fête.

The program included a warm welcome and a word of thanks by the Chairperson of the VAMF Board Christo van der Rheede. The Birthday Cake was then cut by Ferdie Botha, Okkie Visser and Christo van der Rheede after which Happy Birthday was sung by and all present led by the Pabalelo High School Choir. The first-year celebration then continued jovially through the night.





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OPEDAG

Deur: Desiree Adams and Dr Andries Daniels

Die Vine Academy and Model Farm (VAMF) se tweede en jaarlikse opedag het vanjaar plaasgevind op 2 Augustus 2024.

Dit is 'n baie belangrike gebeurtenis op die VAMF se kalender omdat dit die geleentheid is waar die top 20 Graad 12 leerders en opvoeders van verskeie hoërskole in en om die Keimoes, Kakamas en Upington gebiede bymekaar gebring word om hulle meer te vertel van die agtergrond en doel van die VAMF, asook wat hulle kan verwag wanneer hulle by die VAMF kom studeer. Die geleentheid het ten doel om die unieke opvoedkundige geleenthede en fasiliteite beskikbaar by die VAMF wat as 'n praktiese leeromgewing vir landboustudies en opleiding dien, ten toon te stel.

Die program vir die dag het afgeskop met 'n hartlike verwelkoming en voorstelling van die personeel deur Dr Andries Daniels, Akademiese Program Direkteur by die VAMF. Na dit het hy 'n oorsig gegee het van die instelling se missie, waardes en opvoedkundige aanbiedinge.





Die inleiding het 'n positiewe toon aangegee vir die dag se aktiwiteite en die Akademie se verbintenisse tot innoverende leer en gemeenskapsbetrokkenheid beklemtoon.

Die hoërskoolleerders en hul onderwysers wat die geleentheid bygewoon het, het hartlik deelgeneem aan die gesprekke en veelsydige en uiteenlopende vrae gevra vooruitspruitend uit dit wat Dr Daniels met hulle gedeel het. Hierdie deelnemende skole het ingesluit: Sekondêre Skool Saul Damon, Gekombineerde Skool Friersdale, Hoerskool Carlton van Heerden, Hoërskool Keimoes, Sekondêre Skool AJ Fererra, Hoërskool Kakamas, Hoërskool Oranjezicht asook Hoërskool Martin Oosterhuizen, een van die stigtersliggame van die VAMF.

Leerders is ook bekendgestel aan die model plaas se volhoubare praktyke en navorsings en ontwikkelings inisiatiewe deur middel van 'n begeleide toer deur die Produksie Betuurder van die model plaas, Jurie Becker en die Navorsing en Ontwikkelings Bestuurder, Abraham Vermeulen. Die klem was veral geplaas op die praktiese leerervarings wat beskikbaar is as aanvulling en uitvoering van die teorie wat in verskeie van die modules aangebied word.

Die VAMF was ook bevoorreg om Radio Riverside regdeur die opedag daar te hê om 'n regstreekse uitsending op die radio te doen en 'n jolige gees aan die dag verskaf het met verskeie musikale treffer en plattejoggies wat deurentyd met die bywoners interaksie gehad het.

Die hoogtepunt van die dag was 'n onderhoud met een van die VAMF se Top Studente Dawid Hayes wat vir die luisteraars kon vertel van sy ervaring wat hy deur die VAMF opgedoen het en hoe hy daarin geslaag het om as die Top Student aangewys te word.

Die insluiting van Nedbank en Standard Bank het aansienlike waarde tot die dag toegevoeg, deurdat hulle nie slegs praktiese finansiële insigte en loopbaanadvies aan die bywoners kon bied nie, maar baie oulike geskenkies ook. Die dag is afgesluit deur die bywonende skole 'n toer na die koshuis te gee, waarna hulle 'n heerlike worsbroodjie en koeldrank as middagete geniet het. Die VAMF is baie entoesiasies om hul vennootskap met plaaslike skole en finansiële instellings voort te sit en sien uit om die aansoek vir aspirant studente vir 2025 te verwerk. Aansoek het alreeds op 01 Augustus ge-open en sal op 30 September sluit.

Die VAMF personeel wil graag almal bedank wat betrokke was by die beplanning en deelname aan die opedag en sien baie uit na 'n vrugtevolle 2025 om nuwe studente te verwelkom.



Internasionaal word aanvaar dat Area-Wye Geïntegreerde Plaag Bestuur (AW GPB) programme die **mees doeltreffende en koste-effektiefste** manier is om kwarantyn peste mee te bestuur.

FFA koördineer reeds sulke programme in die Wes-, Oos- en Noord-Kaap vir die laaste 21 jaar, tot **voordeel van verskeie vrugtebedrywe**. FFA behoort aan die vrugte bedryfsorganisasies en het geen wins-motief nie.



STERIELE INSEK TEGNIEK

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AREA-WYE GEÏNTEGREERDE PLAAG BESTUUR (AW GPB)

PES MONITERING

Weeklikse pesmonitering & verslagdoening op:

- Mediterse vrugtevlug (*Ceratitis capitata*)
- Oosterse vrugtevlug (*Bactrocera dorsalis* / Bd)
- Vals kodlingmot (*Thaumatotibia leucotreta*)
- en andere

STERIELE INSEK TEGNIEK (SIT)

Steriele manlike Mediterse vrugtevlieë word op groot skaal geproduseer, en vrygelaat per helikopter of per grondlostating as 'n **omgewingsvriendelike** manier sodoende die pespopulasie te onderdruk.

Weekliks, tussen Okt en Mei, word meer as 40'000 ha se kommersiële boorde en/of wingerde hiermee behandel.

AREA-WYE LUGSPATTE

FFA koördineer area-wye lugspatte van 'n **organiese insekdoder**, oor kommersiële boorde en/of wingerde op kritieke tye voor oes.

Jaarliks word meer as 170'000 ha gedek.

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The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development AgriBEE Sector Codes and Initiative visited Raisins SA

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The visit by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development, as part of the AgriBEE Sector Codes and Transformation Initiative, aimed to assess compliance with sector codes, promote transformation, and enhance development within the raisin industry.

National and Provincial representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development presented by Mr Rudolph Abercrombie, Ms. Tshidi Masemola (national) Mr Dan Kekana, Ms. Agnes Lekgetho and Ms Victoria Ramofoko from Provincial. Management and key stakeholders of Raisins SA were presented by Mrs Simone Oliphant and Mrs Desiree Adams. The visit started at the Vine Academy and Model Farm where engagement was for the day one of the three-day visit.



Figure 1

DARRLD officials at the Vine Academy with Desiree Adams

Transformation Initiatives Insights were shared by Simone Oliphant regarding Raisins SA's initiatives in promoting black economic empowerment (BEE), skills development, Enterprise Development and community engagement.



The engagement with stakeholders was to advocate for policies that support transformation and address regulatory barriers hindering black participation in the agricultural sector. This encourages the growth and sustainability of black-owned businesses within the agricultural value chain. Skills Development and Capacity Building remains some of the programs aimed at enhancing skills and capabilities among black individuals in agriculture.

Government support programs and AgriBEE sector codes that play a crucial role in promoting economic inclusion and transformation within the agricultural sector, particularly in regions like the Northern Cape.



Figure 2

Dr Andries Daniels with the officials during tour of the Model Farm

A site visit to one of the raisin packers (PepsiCo) where the team where able to go through the packing facility. An overview of the factory's facilities, including production areas, storage facilities, and quality control measures was shared. The site visit to the raisins factory provided valuable insights into its operations, transformation initiatives, and commitment to sustainable practices.



Figure 3

Officials with Santjie Coetzer at the PepsiCo factory

The visit was concluded with a site visit to the farms of two emerging growers (figure 4 and 5) to assess the progress and impact of the Transformation project involving Raisins SA, focusing on compliance with transformation goals, economic empowerment initiatives, and overall development within the raisins industry.



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Continued collaboration between government entities and industry stakeholders is essential for achieving broader economic inclusion and development goals.

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Figure 4

Officials on the farm of Elizia O’Ryan

The visit to Raisins SA underscored the commitment of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development to promote transformation and sustainability within the agricultural sector.



Figure 5

Officilas with Mr Earl Loxton on his drying Facility





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Databasis

Vir 'n bedryf om optimaal te funksioneer, is dit van kardinale belang dat alle lede so goed ingelig moontlik is.

Verskeie platvorms word gebruik om inligting te versprei, met die twee vernaamste metodes e-pos en WhatsApp groepe.

Indien u slegs e-posse ontvang en ook op 'n WhatsApp groep wil wees, of omgekeerd, kontak asseblief vir



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Indien u kontakbesonderhede verander, of indien u miskien weet van 'n rosyneprodusent wie nie inligting ontvang nie, sal dit hoog op prys gestel word indien u die inligting aan Raisins SA kan deurgee.



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