



FRUIT FLASH

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FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST BOARD

Dear reader,

On 23 May, SAPO Trust underwent an audit for BEE classification, and was once again graded Level 4. The following month, it was time for our annual SANAS audit, which evaluates our analytical methods and processes in the laboratory. We eagerly await their rating, to see how we compare to other top laboratories around the world.

Frederik Voigt, Adam Mouton and Rudi Vos from SAPO Trust attended the Agricultural Leadership Development Programme in Pretoria, which was held from October 2013 to February 2014. The ALDP is a University of Pretoria initiative and sponsored by Agri Seta with Professor André Louw as the programme leader. Twenty-seven delegates from different institutions all over South Africa attended the programme. All three delegates from SAPO Trust who attended the programme, successfully completed the course.

Enjoy reading more about what's fresh and exciting at SAPO right now. Should you have any questions or feedback, please send an email to info@saplant.co.za

Until next time,

Dr Phillip Fourie
General Manager

ORDERS IN?

The winter collection of unstable varieties such as the African Red, Gala, Early Red One and Early BC, are subject to certain conditions to ensure that the stability of mutations can be assured.

The selection process already starts in autumn while the trees bear fruit. At this stage, they are marked for winter budwood collection.

A very important update to take note of is that Royal Beaut budwood will not be collected in winter. All producers are therefore kindly advised to place orders for unstable varieties in advance (the availability of selected trees are limited).



SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

SAPO Trust's under expert supervision of Frederik Voigt is currently involved in a project that seeks to determine the presence of plant viruses in pome fruit material in the SAPO Trust nucleus and foundation units.

The SAPO Trust laboratory, under the supervision of Emcee Gagiano uses analytical detection methods (PCR) that are highly sensitive and accurate.

NEW VARIETIES

UFO Flat Peach

(Doughnut or Peento)

These new varieties are bred by the University of Florida, and is now available for commercial cultivation in South Africa. UFO, according to Jose Chaparro from the University of Florida, have special needs in terms of pruning. UFO must not be winter pruned in order to prevent excessive flower and fruit deposits during springtime. All pruning on UFO trees has to be done during summertime. It is also recommended to do fruit thinning instead of flower thinning to ensure a good crop.



PICK OF THE MONTH



(FREDERIK VOIGT) – JUNE

Frederik received the award for his excellent presentation at the SAAPPA meeting on 11 June 2014. He is the Business Unit Manager at SAPO Trust, where he's been working for over 23 years now. When asked if he still finds his job stimulating, he happily replied that his job has many challenges and opportunities, which keep him active and engaged. Frederik looks up to his parents as role models, and points out the importance of humility and finding happiness in the smaller things in life – a wise approach towards the world, that was taught to him by his parents. Frederik stays in the Devon Valley area, surrounded by all the splendours of the Winelands region. He enjoys camping and having a braai with family and friends – especially when there's crayfish on the coals. His loved ones call this a "Frikkie Braai".



(CECELIA) – MAY

Cecelia received the award for being someone you can always count on. She is reliable, trustworthy, loyal and always there when you need her to be. Cecelia is the expert tea and cleaning lady at SAPO Trust, and she is very proud to be a part of the SAPO Team. Cecelia is a family woman. Her two daughters and best friends are her role models. After work, she likes to jog and take walks to relax and keep fit.

