



# FRUIT FLASH

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### FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST BOARD

Dear reader,

We are entering autumn with quite a colourful patchwork of activity at SAPO Trust. Burgert recently visited Germany to attend a trademark seminar, visit Fruit Logica and liaise with European clients in order to find new methods of distinguishing our goods and services.

Back at headquarters marriage fever is blossoming, with Colette Williams recently married, and both Marle Koekemoer and Annamarie van As engaged.

SAPO's new offices are still well underway and constructions should be completed by the end of June.

As a matter of interest, it is estimated that roughly 400 000 cherry trees will be ordered over the next three years. At the same time, SAPO has seen a 25% increase in the demand for stone fruit budwood from nurseries; 4% in the case of vine graft material.

Last but not least, Marise van Aardt has resigned. We wish her the best of luck with her future endeavours.

Enjoy reading more about what's fresh and exciting at SAPO Trust this month. Should you have any questions, or feedback, please send an email to [info@saplant.co.za](mailto:info@saplant.co.za)

Until next time,  
**Dr Phillip Fourie**  
General Manager

*Please take note that SAPO's royalty list has been updated for 2015, and is available on the SAPO Trust website.*



### PICK OF THE MONTH



#### KOOS ANDREAS

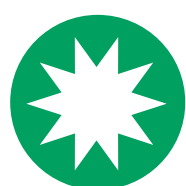
– NOVEMBER 2014

Koos works in Riviersonderend. He received the award for being a man that does his work with pride. He takes initiative, works proactively and is a role model for his colleagues. As a Senior Tractor Operator he is involved in soil preparation; this also happens to be the part he enjoys most about his job. Koos is mentored by his manager, Adam Mouton, and looks to his brother and pastor as role models. Koos is a family man and loves his wife and kids, along with rugby and cricket of course!



### THE ORCHARD WALK

SAPO held an orchard walk in February at their high-chill pome fruit evaluation block at Laastedrif, near Ceres. The orchard walk aimed to showcase SAPO's new pear range and early-ripening apple varieties. Fifteen people from various pome fruit organisations attended the walk. Rudi Vos, SAPO's fruit evaluator, guided the group through the orchard and presented a short summary on each variety.



### WHAT A BEAUT!

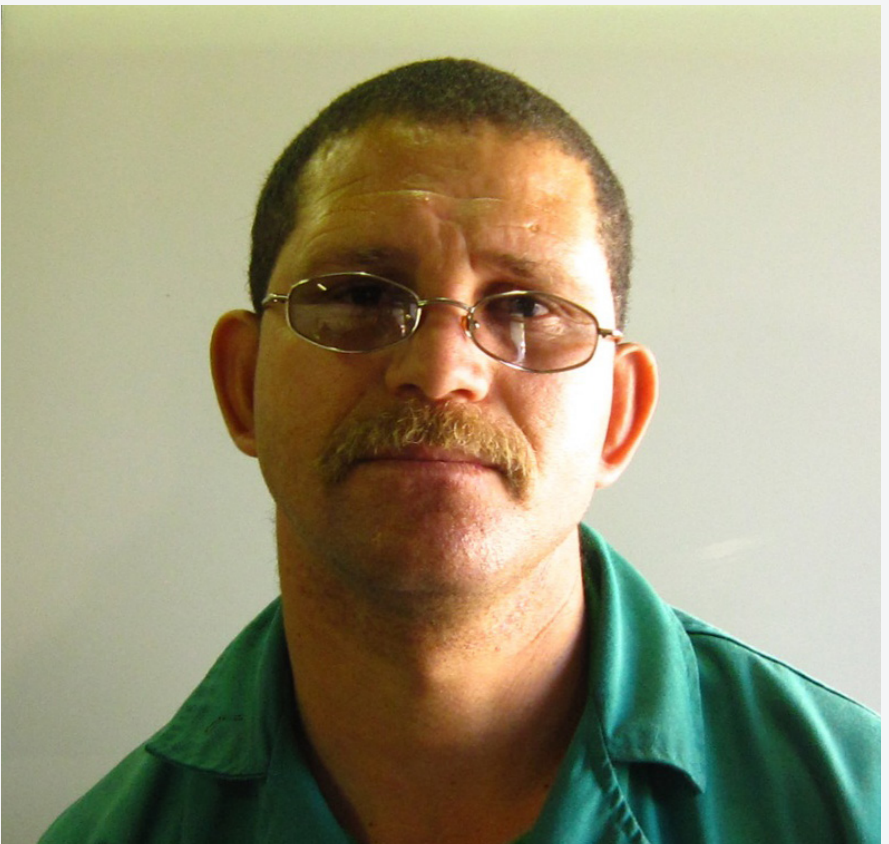
A record quantity of  $\pm$  430 000 Royal Beaut apple buds were ordered by nurseries during the current autumn budding season. SAPO Trust reviewed the budwood collection protocol of unstable mutant varieties like Royal Beaut in 2010. This strategy resulted in good colouring and stability in recent plantings.



#### MBUYISA LEKEBA

– DECEMBER 2014

Mbuyisa stays in Stellenbosch. He is a general worker, which includes working in SAPO's tunnels. Straight, honest and to the point, he believes you should love what you do, and be rewarded for it. Mbuyisa is passionate about family, sport and enjoys spending time with his friends.



#### MARIUS OCKHUYS

– JANUARY 2015

Also a Stellenbosch local, Marius received the award for taking the initiative to modify the cool storage temperature map to make it more user-friendly. Marius does not wait for instructions. He keeps his eyes open and acts when action is required. His role models are Dr Fourie, Sakkie Bresler and Burgert van Dyk (especially because of the impressive car he drives). On weekends, Marius enjoys entertaining family and friends around the braai. His favourite fruits are apples, peaches and apricots.

