



FRUIT FLASH

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FRESH FROM SAPO TRUST

Winter may be a time for hibernation for some, but here at SAPO we keep on sprouting new seedlings. We recently celebrated new additions to the SAPO family as we welcomed Warren Koopman for Grapes, Craig Pietersen for Terrain and Antonette Lukas at the nursery. We are also excited to announce Marle Koekemoer, our receptionist, became Mrs Minnaar during May.

Burgert van Dyk and Dr Fourie went abroad to the USA to visit the SAPO contracted clients on that side. Burgert was also invited by the Ministry of Commerce of the

People's Republic of China to attend a seminar for intellectual property rights in Beijing and Shenzhen.

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Tantalising opportunities beckon as Prof Stephanie Midgeley, an independent consultant, was contracted by SAPO Trust to

investigate and determine the possible advantages for the producers to use certified plant material.

On 9 June, Minister Alan Winde, the Western Cape Province's Minister of Economic Opportunities, visited SAPO at Tygerhoek Farm in Riviersonderend.

What's more, we are happy to announce that Cape Vines, Vredehoek and Rietvlei No. 1 Nurseries were successfully audited by Exceed Tax and Advisory Services on behalf of SAPO Trust.

Lastly, SAPO was instructed by SASPA to establish enough sources of the different stone fruit

rootstocks and to maintain the sources for the industry.

Until next time,
Dr Phillip Fourie
General Manager



FRUIT BEARERS

On 11 May Tippiie Malgas, Deciduous Fruit Industries' Farm worker of the year, and other SAPO mentors visited Caledon Valley's open day in the Free State. Chris Berend of Caledon Valley Nursery welcomed them and took the group on a tour of the nursery showing a lot of different apple varieties and characteristics of each variety.

On the 13th they left bright and early for the Nampo Agricultural Trade Show in Bothaville. Malgas was extremely excited to visit the agricultural show. The highlight for him was definitely all the different machines and tractors.





QUALITY TO THE CORE AT HORTGRO SCIENCE

SAPO Trust was one of the exhibitors at the 2015 Hortgro Science technical symposium. This annual event offers SAPO the opportunity to introduce their services to the industry.

Focusing on stone and pome fruit, this symposium serves as a platform for SAPO's main clients, farmers and newcomer farmers to be introduced to the current agricultural obstacles and relevant new farming technology available.



YOUNG SEEDLINGS VISIT SAPO

SAPO is part of a Hortgro initiative where groups of children visit SAPO to gain a better understanding and see the opportunities in agriculture as a career. During May, 60 excited scholars from Schurweberg High School visited SAPO to gain insight into the various career opportunities in agriculture.

Here Tippiie Malgas shows the scholars from Skurweberg High School how to manufacture a fruit tree.



FRUIT FOR THOUGHT

In May more than thirty people from various organisations in the pome fruit industry attended SAPO's pome fruit exhibition. The aim of the exhibition was to give exposure to our new and exciting pome fruit varieties. Fourteen new apple varieties and two pear varieties were on display. For more information about the fruit display, please contact Rudi Vos at rudi@saplant.co.za.



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