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# Voorwoord



Ons staan aan die einde van die eerste semester en kan terugkyk op 'n uitsonderlike seisoen waar ons nader beweeg aan die 100 000 produksiekerf teiken. Die seisoen is afgesluit met 'n totale inname van net meer as 96 000 ton en verwagte industrie omset van ongeveer R4 miljard, in vergelyke met 2023 met 'n oesgrootte van 60 000 en 'n industrie uitset van R2.2 miljard.

## *Ek gee vinnig terugvoer op 'n paar enkel belangrike sake:*

1. Raisins SA strategiese sessie het plaasgevind op 22 Mei 2024, waar verskeie rolspelers deelgeneem het aan gesprekke oor hoe die pad vir die rosyne na 2030 lyk. Uitdagings en geleenthede is uitgewys en word dienooreenkomstig in die toekomstige werksaamhede van RSA vervat, wat aan die Minister van Landbou, Grondhervorming, en Landelike Ontwikkeling voorgelê sal word vir finale goedkeuring en inwerkstelling van die nuwe statutêre maatreëls.
2. Raisins SA se Algemene Jaarvergadering is afgehandel waar volledig verslag gedoen was oor ons werksaamhede vir die 2023 finansiële jaar. Besoeke is afgelê aan al vier ons wyke, waar die nuwe heffing voorgelê is vir goedkeuring.
3. Die verlenging van die noodhulpfondse van die IDC is op 13 Junie 2024 goedgekeur vir 'n verdere twee jaar. Die totale fonds grootte is R180 miljoen en sal deur deelnemende verpakkings uitgerol word.

Daar bestaan 'n goeie geleentheid vir SA om onself goed te posisioneer in die lig van baie lae wêreld voorraadsvlakke, sowel as 'n Turkse oes (2024) wat tyd sal neem om te herstel. Ons vertrou dat hierdie geleentheid gebruik sal word om marktaandeel internasionaal te groei en sal bydra tot bestendigheid wanneer internasionale volumes terugkeer na normale vlakke.

*Die Raisins SA span wens produsente sterkte toe met aanloop tot die nuwe seisoen.*

*Groete,*

Ferdie



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# Tegniese nuusbrieff

Deur: Stefan Jordaan, Raisins SA

*Tot sowat twee weke terug het ons bekommerd gewag vir die winter waarby temperature daaglik nog soos somerweer gevoel het.*

Die warm weer is nie gunstig nie omdat die wingerdstok in 'n dormansiefase moet ingaan vir die stoor van reserwes. Koue het toe begin Junie aangebreek en sedert daardie tyd bly die temperature stabiel met eerste reën ook in die Olifantsrivier.

Soos op die velddae uitgewys is daar egter gesiene die kondisies wat ons tans ervaar 'n paar punte om op te let en bestuur vir die komende seisoen.

1. Peste druk is steeds hoog – met die later koue is die populasiedruk van vrugtevlieg en Vals Kodlingmot steeds baie hoog. Daar sal daadwerklik moet gewerk word aan protokol en bestuursprogram in die komende seisoen. Let op dat daar baie blokke is met natrosse wat ook 'n lokaas is vir die insekte. Geen chemie of program gaan die populasie onder beheer kry as die voeding nog so baie is in die blokke nie.
2. Witroes is in alle areas prominent – Goeie vroeg seisoen na bot program is belangrik.

3. Met die laat begin vir die winter is die aanvanklike fase van dormansie reeds agter, dit kan lei tot vertraagde bot. In die omstandighede is dit raadsaam om so laat moontlik te snoei en moontlik bottyd later te bewerkstellig. Oorweeg ook die gebruik van rusbreekmiddels vir gelykbot, nie vervoeging nie.
4. Met wintersdae wat warmer is moet vogstatus van blokke noukeurig gemonitor word. Vermyn droë gronde, dit kan lei tot swakker bot.
5. Winter dekgewas verbouing is 'n goeie praktyk om onkruid onderdrukking te bewerkstellig in die blokke, asook om volhoubare grondlewe te stimuleer.
6. Om top kwaliteit plantmateriaal te verseker bestel nou reeds jou ent kombinasie (bo- en onderstok kombinasie) vir aanplanting in 2025. Op die manier kan jy presies weet wat jy bestel met naspeurbaarheid.



Na-trosse 10 Mei 2024



Goeie grondvolhoubaarheid en onkruidonderdrukking



# May field days

By: Stacey Flemming, Raisins SA



The field days commenced in Kakamas on 27 May. Agrico, Netafim, and Mottech sponsored a new irrigation system currently being tested at the Vine Academy and Model Farm (VAMF). In this trial, half of a block is irrigated through flooding and the other half by drippers, aimed at evaluating the impact of different irrigation methods and determining if drippers can potentially save water in the future.

The VAMF, several other trials are also underway, including those on drying facilities, rootstocks, and cultivars.

*Raisins South Africa recently organized a series of informative field days in Kakamas, Kanoneiland, and Groblershoop, bringing together local farmers, industry experts, and stakeholders.*

These events, sponsored by Noord-Kaap Water en Solar, aimed to foster knowledge exchange and innovation in the agriculture sector. Attendees engaged in discussions on a wide range of topics, including advancements in irrigation techniques, sustainable energy solutions, cultivar and rootstock choices, establishing cover crops, the best practices in raisin cultivation etc. The collaborative atmosphere and diverse presentations highlighted the commitment to enhancing productivity and sustainability in the region's raisin industry.





The cultivar trial involves testing four new cultivars on five different rootstocks to identify which can be commercialized and used as raisin grapes beyond the existing industry standards. Raisins SA, in collaboration with Provar, is conducting rootstock trials to assess the adaptability of new rootstocks to varying climatic and soil conditions and to identify superior rootstocks compared to commercial ones. The drying facility trials aim to determine the most effective drying method with the least production loss. Additional trials include evaluating the impact of fruit flies on the industry in the Lower Orange River regions and testing the efficacy and financial viability of frost cloths.

Another discussion topic was the role of clones in the industry. The two primary reasons for maintaining clones are: enabling PlantSA to catalogue all clones with specific numbers, and selecting clones based on production metrics, such as bunch size.

The field day at Kanoneiland on 28 May focused on the weaker production of blocks anticipated in 2024. Discussions also addressed winter actions, given the prediction of a delayed winter start this year. The optimal cold period is typically from mid-May to mid-June; however, this year, cold temperatures are expected to arrive in June, raising concerns about the timing of pruning and other necessary actions. Later pruning was suggested as a potential option.

Cover crop selection was another topic of discussion, emphasizing the need to match crops to block requirements. Legumes, used for fixing nitrogen, may not be beneficial in vineyards with excessive vegetative growth.

Grasses, with higher carbon content and dense root systems, are effective in combating soil erosion. Brassicas help with soil compaction, structure, and have biofumigation potential. Many farmers opt to plant a mixture of these cover crops to avoid monoculture and to capitalize on the benefits of all three types.

The final field day in Groblershoop on 30 May covered many of the same topics as the events in Kakamas and Kanoneiland.

The field days were a significant success, fostering valuable knowledge exchange and collaboration among participants. These discussions not only empowered local farmers with practical tools and knowledge but also underscored the importance of sustainability in the growth and development of the raisin industry. The field days ultimately reinforced the commitment to advancing agricultural practices while promoting environmental stewardship in the region.

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**NOTE**

**Olifants River Field Day**

**will take place on July 11.**

Stay tuned for more details

coming soon!



# HMO-leerders oes wingerd

Deur: Jacolène Crafford, HMO

Hoërskool Martin Oosthuizen se landbouleerders het hierdie jaar weer 'n gedeelte van hulle praktiese punt op die skoolgronde voltooi deur 'n blok wyndruiwe in Februarie te oes.

Die grond word deur Raisins SA bestuur en bied die geleentheid om die leerders praktiese blootstelling te gee aan die produksiepraktyke vir wingerd, stapafstand van die skool af. Dit is altyd lekker om te sien hoe instansies soos Raisins SA en die Vine Academy and Model Farm belê in die opvoeding van jong landbouers en hande vat om landbou 'n meer praktiese vak te maak by HMO!



## Hoërskool Martin Oosthuizen



# NAMPO Harvest Day 2024

*By: Dr Andries Daniels, Raisins SA*

*Hailed as a national asset, Stefan Jordaan and Dr Andries had the opportunity to attend the Nampo Harvest Day 2024 which was held from 14-17 May 2024 on NAMPO Park just outside Bothaville.*

It does not matter who you may ask that was present at this marvellous spectacle of a show organised by Grain SA annually, the answer would be ubiquitous that it was once again a huge success by all accounts.

Being the largest agricultural exhibition under private ownership in the southern hemisphere, the popularity of this trade show among farmers, exhibitors, opinion makers and everyone in society who has a heart for agriculture was confirmed by the record number of 86,474 visitors over the four days - as well as 865 exhibitors.





NAMPO 2024 was the 56th presentation of the Harvest Day since its inception in 1967. This year the theme was Agriculture in a digital era and the event showcased the latest agricultural innovations and technologies. A variety of agricultural machinery and equipment, as well as demonstrations and workshops on modern farming practices. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about new products and services, network with industry professionals, and discover cutting-edge solutions for improving agricultural productivity.

Overall, the Nampo Harvest Day 2024 was a valuable experience for those in the agricultural sector. Special programs were also organised during the week that the Raisins SA duo had the pleasure to attend. Some of these were three of the Nation in Conversation sessions of which two were facilitated by Anlie Hattingh, eNCA News Anchor. The first one that took place on the Tuesday was titled: “The bigger picture: Strategies for resilience and adaptation”. It delved into the pressing uncertainties shaping global agriculture and how it is impacting us here in South Africa since agriculture is not a world in and of itself but is part of the global economy.

The same factors such as climate change & changing weather patterns, geopolitical tensions, global markets, and logistics on macro scale all also impacts us. The panel was thus tasked to analyse international trends to find the lessons for South African producers and agribusinesses, allowing for proactive rather than reactive strategic thinking, adaption, and resilience.

The second one was on the Wednesday, and it was titled: “Optimising farmer support services”. The essential support services that form the backbone of successful farming operations, from financial management to technical assistance and technical integration were put under the spotlight. The panel was tasked to explore the intricacies of a well-equipped farmer’s back office and offer practical insights into optimising support systems for improved productivity and profitability. Some of the main things that were highlighted was that Technology is your friend as a farmer, producer, or any type of role player in agriculture and to use and embrace it. Don’t get left behind because it will be more expensive to catch up. That there was no use to collect data and not use it or collect the wrong data. To know where you spend your money. Information that gets fed into your back office helps you to make the right decisions, but you should have the right platform to combine all this information.

This all will help you to adapt better and to be more resilient. You should leverage processes and structures to scale your business up, either through capital investment or better financial management. Involvement of staff into your business is key to success. They need to be part of it especially with the confluence of socio-economic factors that dampens business progress.

The third and final session of the Nation In Conversation that Stefan and Andries attended was on “Collaborative solutions in times of adversity”. This session looked at harnessing collective wisdom for resilience in challenging times and how collaboration and innovation can be essential for overcoming adversity in agriculture.

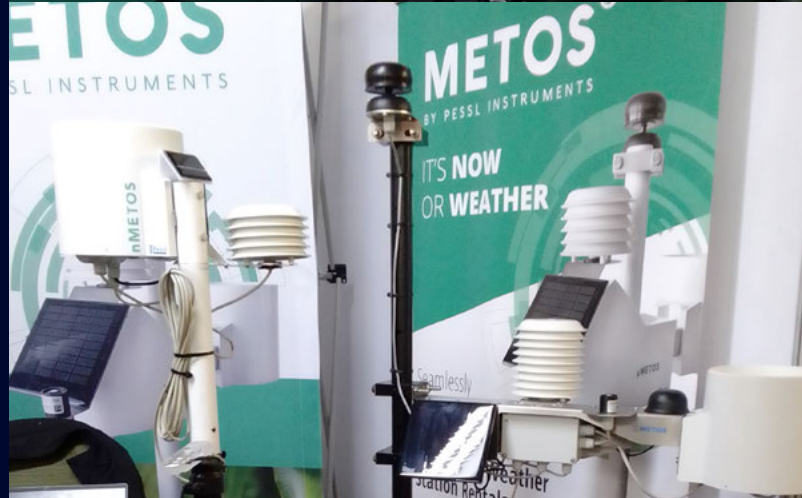
Also, how it is essential to transformation and collective growth. The panel, therefore, explored smart strategies for fostering cooperation, sharing resources, and finding creative solutions to common challenges. From cooperative ventures to knowledge-sharing networks, discover how farmers can and do work together to thrive in an ever-changing landscape.

With the growing number of exhibitors at the NAMPO Harvest Day Agricultural Trade Show and with all the positive number of factors that can be attributed to it, this unique trade show is sure to surpass its own successes each year. The dates for next year's NAMPO have already been set as 13 - 16 May 2025, but if you can't stand to wait that long, then be sure to go and check out NAMPO Cape which will be presented at Bredasdorp from 11-14 September and NAMPO ALFA, the Livestock, Hunting & Outdoor expo which will be presented from 17-19 October at NAMPO Park.

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*If NAMPO Harvest Day 2024 was anything to go by with its unique demonstration programme that allows interactive demonstrations on stands in addition to the static exhibits, these shows sure promises to be an amazing experience as well.*

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# Rypdoeke

Deur: Abraham Vermeulen, Raisins SA

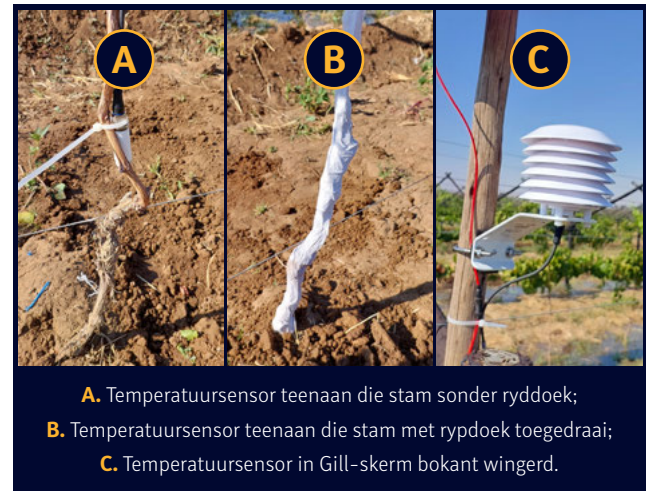
*Met die laat aanvang van winterkoue wat tans ervaar word, is die vooruitsigte daar dat laat koue (ryp) sal voorkom tydens die lente. Rypskade is 'n wesentliche bedreiging wat produsente groot skade kan berokken veral op die laer liggende wingerdblokke langs die Oranjerivier.*

Jong wingerde word primêr met papierdoeke toegedraai in 'n poging om koueskade te beperk. Die algemene waarneming is dat dit wel 'n mate van beskerming bied. Die koste-effektiwiteit van die papierdoeke word egter bevestig.

Tydens gesprekke met Dr Albert Strever van Universiteit van Stellenbosch, het die idee van 'n veldproef by die Vine Academy and Model Farm in Kakamas ontstaan. Dr Strever het sensors en 'n datalogger tot Raisins SA beskikbaar gestel. Die sensors en datalogger is weer beskikbaar gestel deur 'n samewerkingsooreenkoms tussen Dr Strever (US) en die Universiteit van Minnesota se GEMS Infomatics afdeling in die VSA.

Die doel van die veldproef is om te kyk na die effektiwiteit van die sensors en terselfdertyd ook te kyk na die effektiwiteit van die rypdoeke. 'n Jong wingerdblok op die perseel van die Vine Academy and Model Farm is geïdentifiseer, waar die sensors en datalogger geïnstalleer is.

Drie temperatuursensors en twee EC-sensors is beskikbaar gestel en geïnstalleer. Een temperatuursensor is teen die stam van die wingerd, sonder die rypdoek, geïnstalleer (Fig. 1 A). Die tweede temperatuur sensor is teen die stam van die wingerd geïnstalleer, waarna dit toegedraai is met die papierdoek (Fig. 1 B). Die derde temperatuur sensor in 'n Gill-skerm bokant die wingerd geïnstalleer (Fig. 1 C). Die twee EC-sensors is ook op twee verskillende dieptes (300mm en 600mm) in die grond geïnstalleer.



Die doel van die proef is om die temperatuur verskille tussen die oop stam en toegedraaide stam te meet. Die moontlike skade wat berokken kan word op die stokke sal dan ook bepaal word. Die data ten opsigte van die EC-sensors is slegs vir data vaslegging en toets van die sensors en vorm nie deel van die spesifieke rypdoek proef nie.

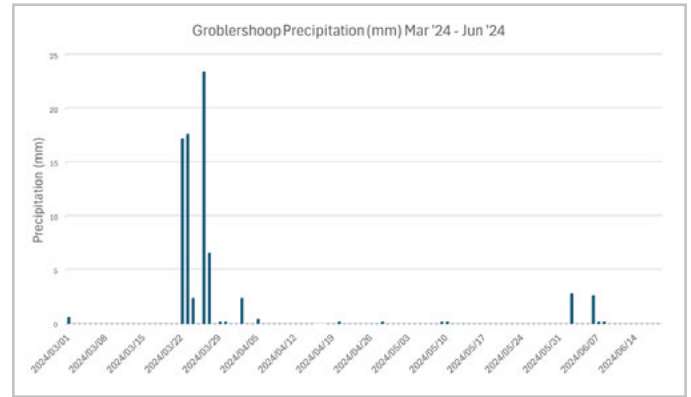
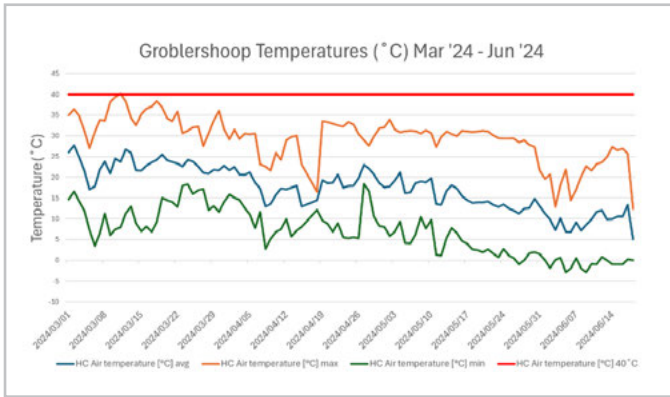
Datavaslegging is reeds besig om te gebeur en terugvoering rondom die effektiwiteit sal na die seisoen beskikbaar gestel word.



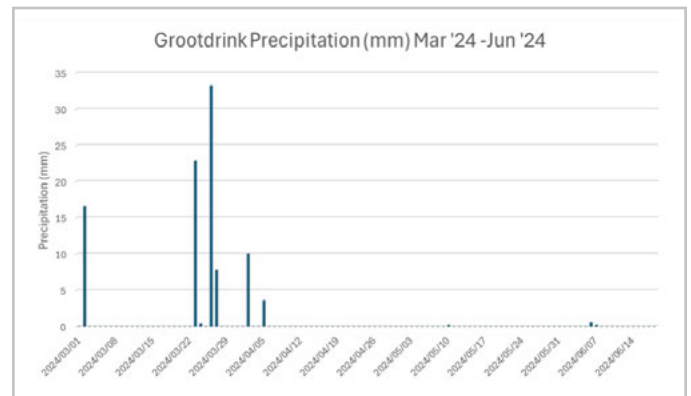
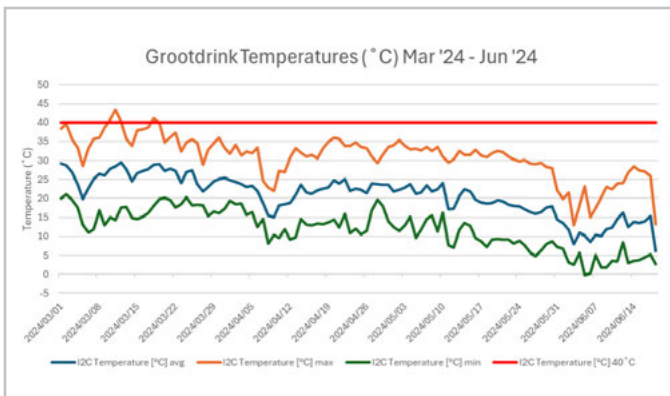
# Weather report

Compiled by: Stacey Flemming, Raisins SA

## Groblershoop

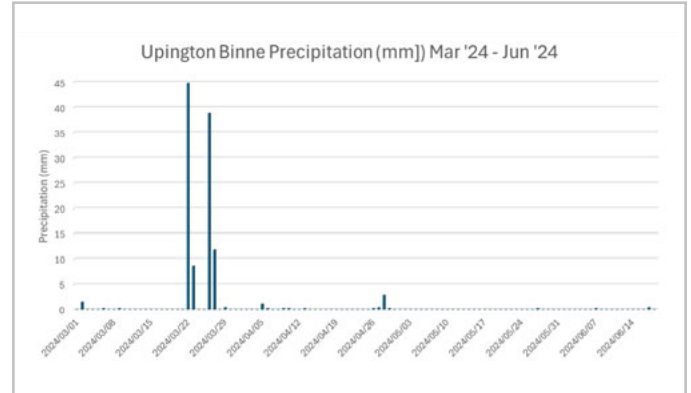
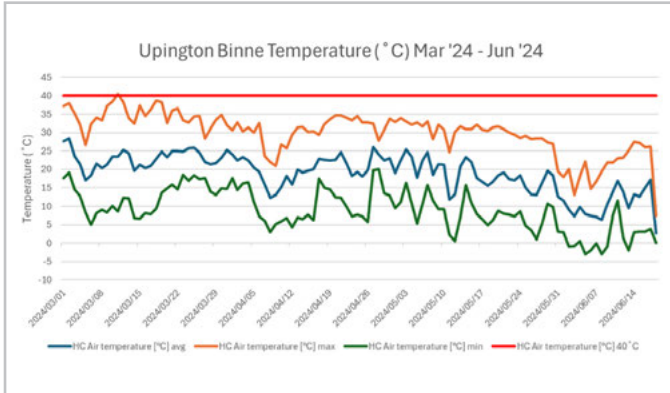


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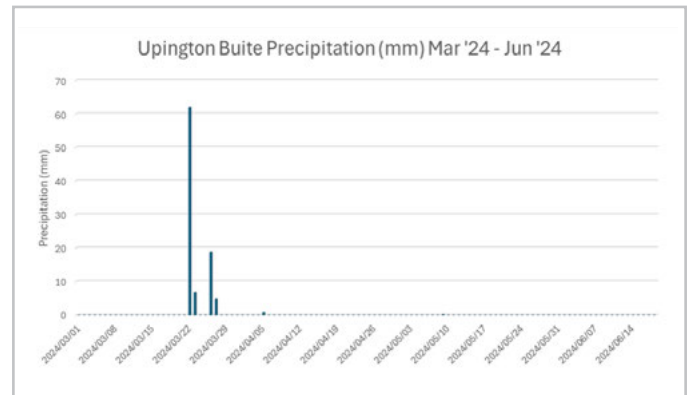
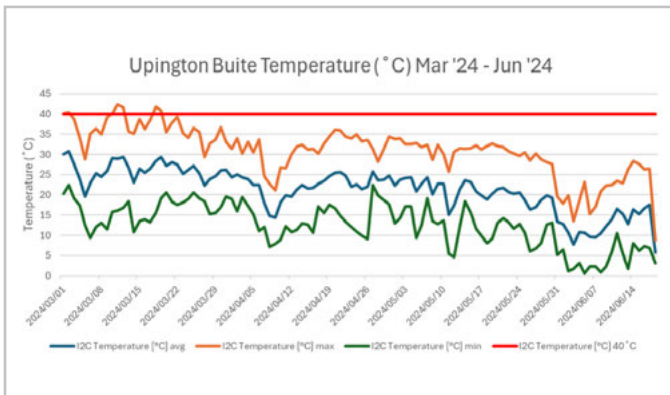




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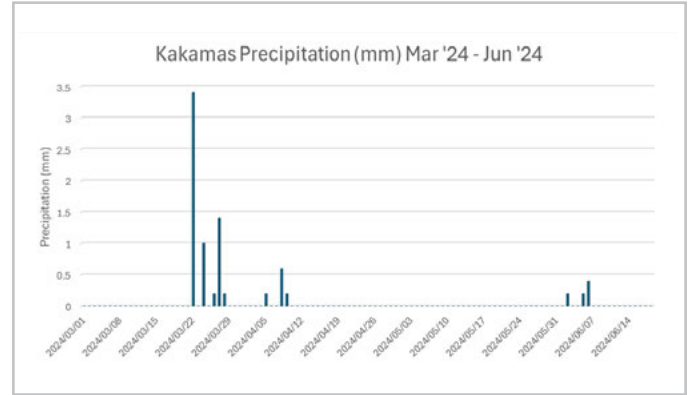
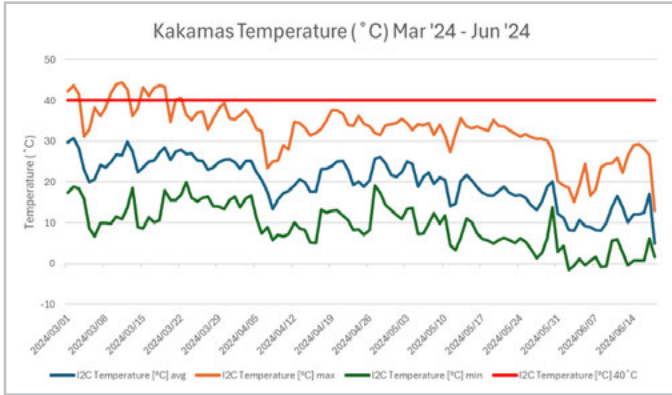


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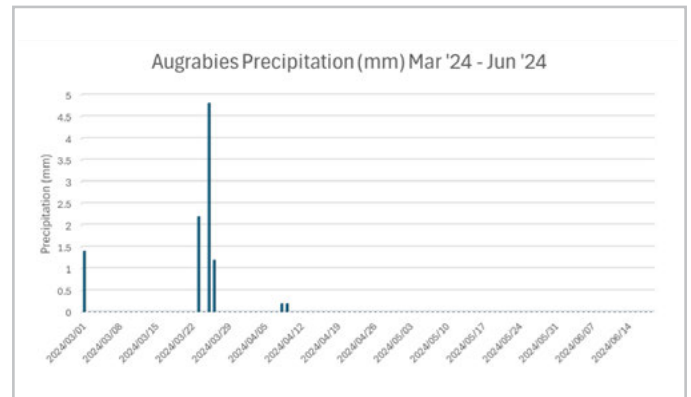
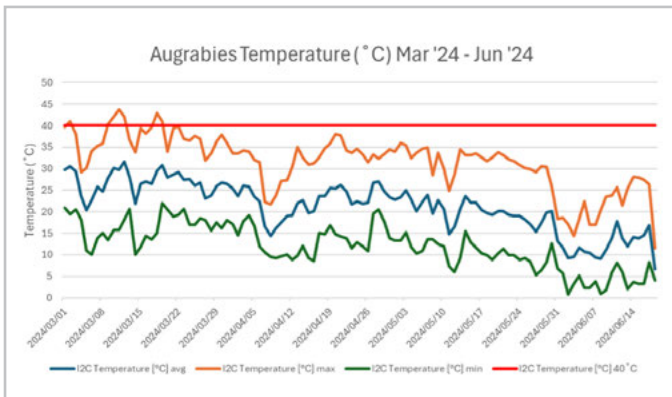




# Kakamas



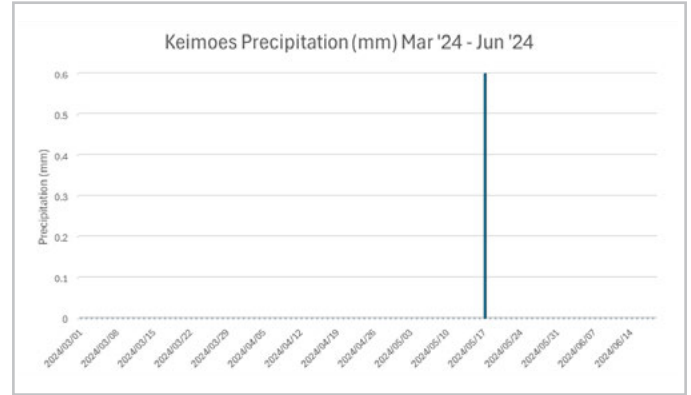
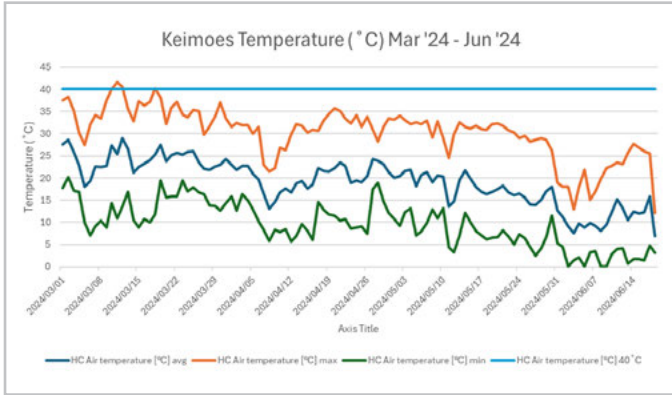
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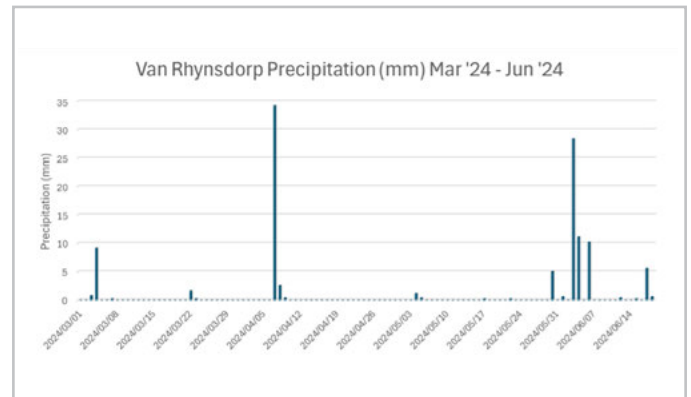
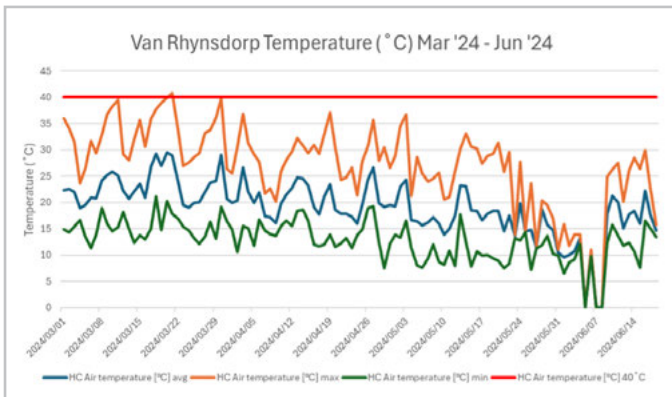




# Keimoes

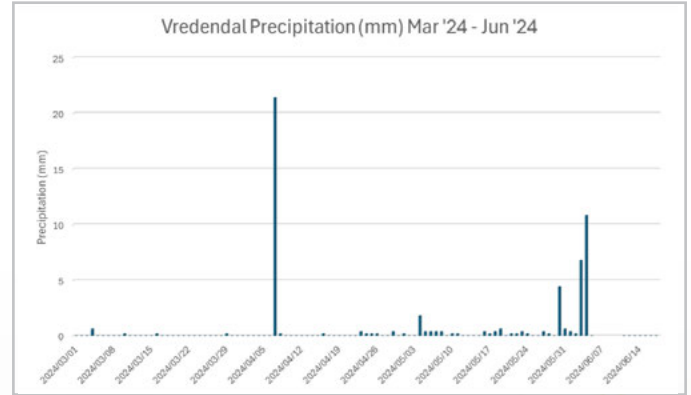
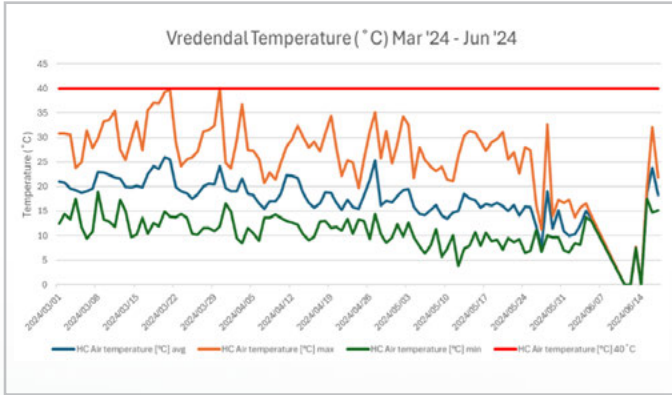


# Vanrhynsdorp





# Vredendal





# Marktoegang, -intelligensie & -ontwikkeling

# GI TRAINING HOSTED BY WESGRO

By: Asmita Parshotam

*The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, in partnership with the EU-funded Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Support Programme, hosted a one-day training workshop in Cape Town on April 17, 2024, focused on Geographical Indicators (GIs) and the processes required to undertake GI registration in South Africa and the EU.*

The 10-million euro EPA Support Programme's primary focus is enhancing South Africa's trade and business opportunities by promoting full implementation of the EU-SADC EPA in South Africa while advancing regional integration, with a specific focus on agricultural products. The programme hopes to support inclusive and sustained economic growth in the agricultural sector in South Africa.



Training, awareness raising, and capacity building on GI-related issues is a strong focus area for the EPA Support Programme, with the goal of facilitating a broader and deeper understanding of GI requirements among industry associations, their members and provincial government authorities alike. The concept of GIs is relatively new in South Africa and remains under-utilised. GIs have great socio-economic and export potential for South Africa in that, if used effectively, product differentiation can promote their unique products and protect themselves against competition from multinationals. GIs can thus be a key element in developing collective brands for quality products associated with a specific place of origin and provides a unique entry point for the producers and beneficiaries (usually small communities) from where they originate. In order to be able to utilise such opportunities, however, knowing how to gain recognition for GI in South Africa and the EU is critical.



To this end, the EPA Support Programme supported a training initiative for producer groups and industry associations of unique South African agricultural products to better understand how to undertake and gain such accreditation. Representatives from Raisins SA, Aloe Ferox, Cape Flora, Buchu Association, Southern African Botanicals Association, the South African Honeybush Tea Association and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture attended the training.

The session, facilitated by trainer Lambert Botha from Hilton Lambert Practitioners of Trade Law, provided industry associations and producer group representatives with an in-depth understanding of the South African and European regulatory frameworks and requirements, identifying the steps that such groups must fulfil in meeting the application, registration, amendment and cancellation processes for a GI/designation of origin (DO) in South Africa; the information required for the application process; understanding the different role players and their associated responsibilities in the GI/DO registration process; and gaining approval of the registration from government.

The training also afforded attendees the opportunity to engage with the first-hand experiences of the Karoo Lamb Consortium, the first association to successfully register a GI under the new Agricultural Products Standards Act's GI regulations, and learn from their challenges, as well as speak to the Rooibos Council Secretariat, which is the only industry association that has successfully registered its GI on the EU GI Register.



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# Augrabies Klipspringer Challenge 2024

By: Chantelle Kotze, Raisins SA

*Our team enjoyed an exciting time at the Augrabies Falls Klipspringer Challenge in May. With over 150 participants from across South Africa, the event drew adventurers ready to tackle the desert terrain.*

In 2024, Raisins SA celebrated its 4th year as a sponsor, providing a hydration station at this remarkable event. We supplied our energy-boosting raisins to support the runners on their challenging quest.



*Special thanks to RedSun Raisins for generously sponsoring delicious Thompsons raisins for the station.*





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Deur: Chantelle Kotze, Raisins SA

*Met die toenemende wêreldwye vraag en belangstelling in gesonder, meer volhoubare leefwyse, het The Plant Powered Show vinnig een van die suksesvolste kos- en leefstylgeleenthede op die Suid-Afrikaanse uitstillingskalender geword.*

Die Good Life Show is gemik op enigiemand met 'n belangstelling in kos, gesondheid, welstand en die omgewing wat meer bewustelik wil leef. Die skou was ook oop vir handel, insluitend die kleinhandel-, gasvryheidsektore en plaaslike verspreiders en uitvoerders. Vir laasgenoemde rede was Raisins SA daar om ons verpakkers te verteenwoordig. Bywoners het die geleentheid gehad om die verskillende tipes rosyntjie variëteite te proe, en ons was vir al verras om te sien hoe min kennis Suid-Afrikaners regtig van die verskillende variëteite van rosyntjies het.

As daar iets is wat ons van die skou af terug kan bring om met ons verpakkers en produsente te deel is dit dat die Suid-Afrikaanse mark geweldig sukkel om organiese, nie olie-behandelde rosyntjies in die hande te kry.

Ons sal as bedryfsliggaam meer tyd in navorsing bestee om hierdie mark te bestudeer en te kyk waar ons plaaslike markte kan identifiseer vir hierdie spesifieke teikenmark.

Ons moedig ook al ons verpakkers aan om na alternatiewe bedryfsolies as “high oleic” sonneblomolie te kyk vir die olieproses, aangesien enige graad van sonneblomolie 'n groot taboe is onder hierdie gesondheidsbewuste individuele, al is dit organies en verfynd. So ook om die geen-olie opsie te bemark aan aankopers wat dalk nie bewus is dat hul dit wel so kan versoek nie.





# INC RAISINS, PRUNES AND CRANBERRIES ROUND TABLE



*Chaired by George Sousa Jr., President, Mariani Packing, USA and panellist comprised:*

Sems Özgür, Operations Director, Özgür Foods, Türkiye; Jeffrey McLemore, Vice President Global Brand Marketing, Sunsweet Growers, USA; Benjamin Herreros, Sales Director, Pacific Nuts & Dried Fruits, Chile and Sylvain Dufour, Vice President of Business Development, Fruit d'Or, Canada.

The global world raisin production numbers are presented in Table 1 below. The most significant event that occurred was the influence of adverse climatic conditions on the Turkish crop. Above average rainfall conditions have had a severe impact on the total crop size of Türkiye, similar to what South Africa (or the Southern hemisphere) experienced the previous season. Türkiye projected a crop of 310 000 ton for the 2023/24, but only realised a crop of just over 200 000 ton. Accordingly, a 36% reduction against the 2022/23 crop. As the largest global production region for raisins, it has seen significant spike in prices.

This has significantly impacted the availability of supply and resulted in a significant reduction in global stock levels from 180 000 ton to approximately 90 000 ton. In the meantime, South Africa has recovered above the expected crop forecast of 83 700 ton to 96 000 ton, which represents a 15% increase. Other Southern hemisphere countries have experienced an average to below average crop.





XLI World Nut and Dried Fruit Congress. Vancouver, May 8-10, 2024

## ESTIMATED WORLD RAISIN/SULTANA/CURRANT PRODUCTION

Metric Tons

COUNTRY	2023/2024				2024/2025			
	BEGIN STOCK	PRODUCTION	TOTAL SUPPLY	ENDING STOCK	BEGIN STOCK	PRODUCTION	TOTAL SUPPLY	ENDING STOCK
TÜRKIYE	70 000	206 346	276 346	10 000	10 000	250 000	260 000	10 000
INDIA	0	270 000	270 000	15 000	15 000	235 000	250 000	12 900
CHINA	20 000	150 000	170 000	5 000	5 000	180 000	185 000	3 600
USA	59 000	153 000	212 000	45 000	45 000	170 000	215 000	47 000
IRAN	8 000	150 000	158 000	8 000	8 000	170 000	178 000	10 000
SOUTH AFRICA	6 000	83 700	89 700	0	0	90 000	90 000	0
UZBEKISTAN	0	60 500	60 500	3 000	3 000	63 000	66 000	0
CHILE	10 000	57 000	67 000	3 000	3 000	50 000	53 000	1 000
ARGENTINA	1 500	30 000	31 500	1 500	1 500	40 000	41 500	5 000
AUSTRALIA	450	7 309	7 759	200	200	14 300	14 500	500
GREECE	7 000	12 000	19 000	0	0	14 000	14 000	1 000
AFGHANISTAN	1 000	15 000	16 000	1 000	1 000	12 000	13 000	0
OTHERS	0	20 400	20 400	0	0	22 500	22 500	0
<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>	<b>182 950</b>	<b>1 215 255</b>	<b>1 398 205</b>	<b>91 700</b>	<b>91 700</b>	<b>1 310 800</b>	<b>1 402 500</b>	<b>91 000</b>

**WORLD CONSUMPTION (T. Supply - End. Stock)**

**1 306 505**

Sources: Aegean Exporters Association, Iran Dried Fruit Exporters Association, Raisins South Africa, Greek Nuts & Fruits Trade Association, Dried Fruits Australia and other INC sources.

Season 2023/24 starts as of 2023 harvest; and 2024/2025 as of the 2024 harvest in both hemispheres.



World production of raisins has ranged between 1.4 to 1.6 million tons, with the largest three origins being Türkiye, India and the USA. The crop has been decreasing over the past 5 years, predominantly influenced by adverse climate conditions. When considering key players in the export market, Türkiye is the largest, with South Africa also considered a larger global player with an ever growing crop. India, USA and China are significant producers, but the largest portion of their crop is consumed by their respective domestic markets. Other southern hemisphere origins such as Australia, Argentina and Chile are not growing. A key message by Sems Özgür was that climate change is having an influence on world production security levels.

## RAISINS, SULTANAS AND CURRANTS

TOTAL SUPPLY (METRIC TONNES)					
DRIED GRAPES	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Türkiye	340 000	331 000	340 000	390 000	276 346
India	200 000	200 000	200 000	200 000	270 000
USA	358 000	256 750	224 000	224 000	212 000
China	150 000	190 000	220 000	200 000	170 000
Iran	162 500	260 000	183 000	188 000	158 000
South Africa	88 200	68 000	74 930	63 219	89 700
Uzbekistan	85 000	85 000	70 000	70 000	60 500
Chile	72 800	82 700	64 300	71 000	67 000
Argentina	44 000	39 300	41 000	41 000	31 500
Australia	16 850	13 256	12 200	15 242	7 759
Greece	28 000	25 800	19 500	28 000	19 000
Afghanistan	15 000	28 000	29 000	28 000	16 000
Others	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 580 350</b>	<b>1 599 806</b>	<b>1 497 930</b>	<b>1 538 461</b>	<b>1 398 205</b>



*Consumption is stable and raisins is a very traditional and cultural product consumed.*



A key activity going forward is to raise awareness of raisins as a healthy product. There are misconceptions about the product and we as a collective need to take steps to address.

It is reported by Mintec Benchmark Prices for Turkish sultanas have risen 4% since the start of the year to \$2,590/MT for standard type 9 sultanas (fob Turkey) in the week ending 26th January 2024.

Sources: INC



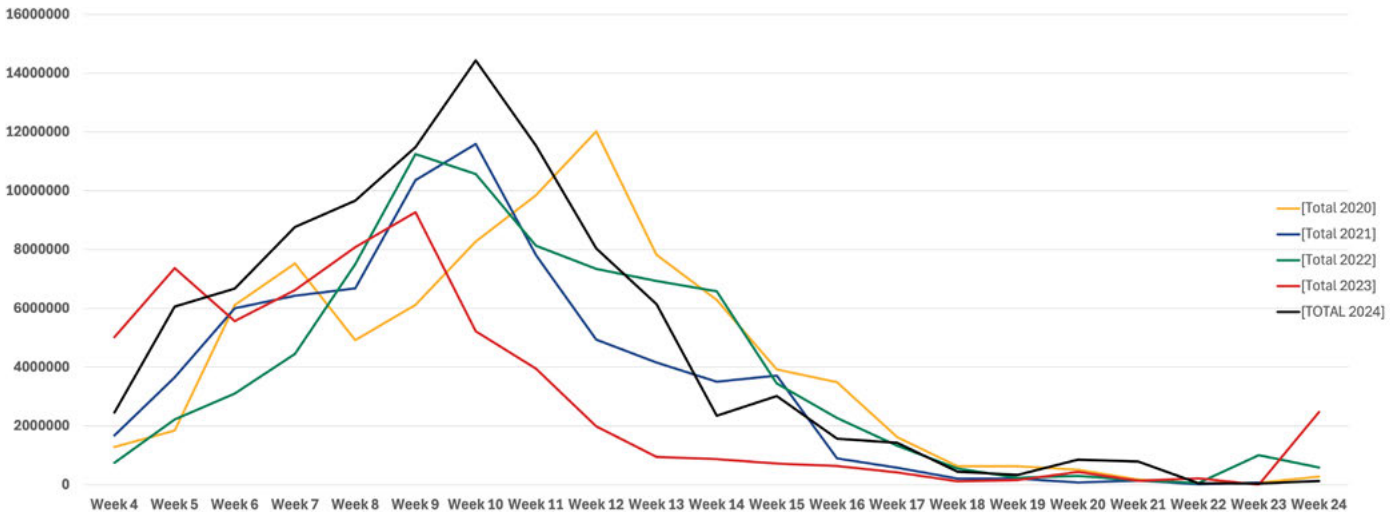
# INNAME VOLUMES 2024

Deur: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA

*Dit is met groot dankbaarheid dat ons terugkyk op hierdie seisoen en die verhoogde opbrengs opreg waardeer. Dit was werklik 'n baie goeie jaar vir rosyneproduksie, en die afname in die Turkse oes het verseker dat die hele oes uitverkoop is.*

Syfers hier deurgegee is soos dit staan op 21 Junie 2024. Dit kan dus 'n klein bietjie verander, maar verskille (indien enige) sal nie wesenlik wees nie.

Die vloei van innames word uitgebeeld in Figuur 1. Die hoogste innames in een week was 14 430 ton (week 10). Oor die afgelope vyf jaar, is dit die hoogste inleweringssyfer vir een week. Die tweede meeste tonne in een week gelewer was in 2020 – met 12 020 ton wat in week 12 ingeneem is.





Tabel 1 toon die oesskatting en gerealiseerde tonnemaat aan. Die grootte JUMBOS val tradisioneel onder die “ANDER” kategorie, en word in Tabel 1 so hanteer:

PRODUKTIPE	OESSKATTING (NOV23)	PERSENTASIEVERSKIL TUSSEN OESSKATTING EN REALISASIE	REALISEER (JUN24)
Thompson	45 007 400	15,50%	51 985 152,49
Goues	18 477 000	1,86%	18 820 174,55
SA Sultana	3 991 000	-11,95%	3 514 024,68
OR Sultana	1 863 000	28,56%	2 394 983,00
Flame	4 118 600	44,94%	5 969 351,94
Korente	3 800 000	-13,07%	3 303 376,00
ANDER*	8 743 000	16,98%	10 227 645,64
<b>[TOTAAL 2024]</b>	<b>86 000 000</b>	<b>11,88%</b>	<b>96 214 708,30</b>

Tabel 2 toon aan die hoeveelheid JUMBOS per produkkategorie:

Thompson*	51 985 152,49
Thompson JUMBO	1 003 354,05
Goues	18 820 174,55
Goues JUMBO	2 440 950,49
SA Sultana	3 514 024,68
SA Sultana JUMBO	523 033,18
OR Sultana	2 394 983,00
Flame*	5 969 351,94
Flame JUMBO	731 499,48
Korente	3 303 376,00
ANDER	5 528 808,45
<b>[TOTAAL 2024]</b>	<b>96 214 708,30</b>



\*KONVENSIONEEL EN ORGANIES



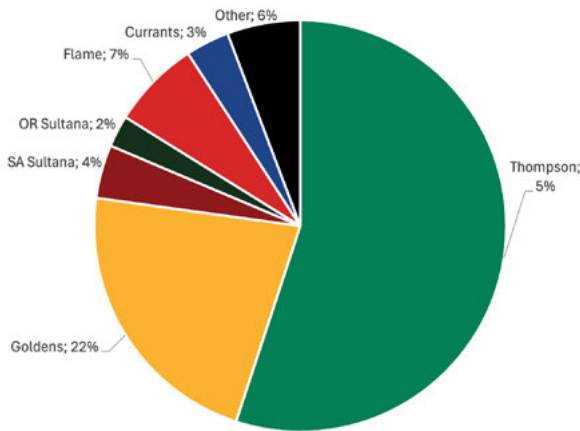
Tabel 3 toon die verskil tussen die 2023 en 2024 oes, asook die oesskatting vs die gerealiseerde tonnemaat per area.

AREA	2023 GEREALISEERDE OES	2024 GEREALISEERDE OES	VERSKIL TUSSEN 2023 EN 2024 OES	OESSKATTING 2024	VERSKIL TUSSEN OESSKATTING EN GEREALISEERDE TONNEMAAT 2024
<b>Oranjerivier</b>	44 126 171,76	79 858 843	80,98%	69 386 600	15,09%
<b>Olifantsrivier</b>	13 389 524,64	13 999 954	4,56%	12 113 400	15,57%
<b>Namibië</b>	2 715 969,46	2 355 912	-13,26%	2 700 000	-12,74%

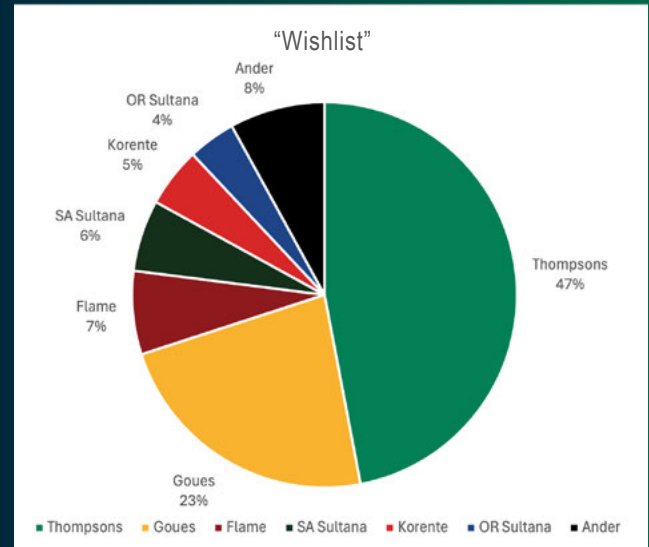
Beide die Oranje- en Olifantsrivier het die oesskatting met ongeveer 15% uitpresteer.

Die Oranjerivier se tonnemaat het met 80,98% vermeerder in vergelyking met 2023, met die Olifantsrivier wat 'n toename van 4,56% gesien het. Produk vanaf Namibië ontvang was 2 355 ton – dus 13,26% laer as 2023 se 2 715 ton.

Die samestelling van die oes word in Figuur 2 getoon:



Die samestelling van die oes stem baie ooreen met die “wishlist” (Figuur 3), soos deur die RSAMF (Raisins SA Marketing Forum) ooreengekom.



Die “wishlist” poog om SA as 'n volhoubare en betroubare bron van rosyne te posisioneer, en aan elke produk in die pakkie die nodige aandag te gee.

Ons is baie dankbaar saam met al die produsente en verpakkings vir 'n jaar waar daar asem geskep kon word. Ons glo en vertrou die volgende jare gaan net nog meer voorspoedig wees, met die 100 000 ton wat al meer haalbaar lyk vir die nabye toekoms.



# Agriculture outlook turns positive ahead of the 2024-25 season

*By: Paul Makube,  
Senior Agricultural Economist, FNB Commercial*

## **JUNE 2024:**

In a quarter characterised by a plethora of growth constraints such as the El Nino-induced heat wave the decimated crops, load shedding, and inefficiencies at ports, agriculture still managed to rebound strongly in Q1, 2024. Operating conditions were tough with port delays impacting negatively on the flow of deciduous fruit to export markets. The severe midsummer drought forced a reduction in harvest estimates for summer crops with South Africa's biggest staple, maize, cut by 19% y/y to 13.31 million tons and soybeans falling sharply by 35.8% y/y to 1.78 million tons.

Agriculture GDP rebounded strongly by 13.5% in Q1 and was the main positive contributor to overall SA GDP with a 0.3 of a percentage point contribution. In contrast, the overall SA GDP contracted by 0.1% q/q in Q1, following an upwardly revised 0.3% (previously 0.1% q/q) in Q4 of 2023. For agriculture, this is a big improvement after plunging by a revised -4.8% q/q in Q4 of 2023 from a -12.2% y/y recorded earlier for 2023. A combination of solid output in horticulture and livestock and animal products underpinned this impressive agriculture performance. Early indicators of a potential rebound were robust agriculture exports which lifted by 6% y/y in Q1 to US\$3.1 billion according to the recent data from Trade Map. Further, the agriculture's trade surplus surged by a whopping 20% y/y in Q1 of 2024. The expected strong performance in citrus exports which are expected to be up by almost 5% on last year will help offset the downbeat impact of lower summer grains and oilseeds harvested on agriculture GDP for 2024.

Looking ahead, the strong transition to the La Nina weather pattern and the relatively good commodity prices augur well for confidence in the agriculture sector for the 2024/25 crop season. Crop input costs are likely to remain subdued as international fertilizer prices are significantly down relative to last year. For example, average potassium chloride prices fell by 37.4% y/y in Q1 of 2024 and the average for the first five months of 2024 was down by 33% y/y. Similarly, urea prices fell by 16.1% in Q1 and almost 8% y/y for year-to-May 2024. Further, international crude oil prices are trending on the downside around US\$80/ barrel, thus a potential for a reduction in fuel prices.

# Current State of Export Logistics

By: Juan Benson, GAC Laser

*Fresh in everyone's mind will be the results of the 2023 global Container Port Performance Index (CPPI) published early in June.*

The index, developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence, ranked South Africa's four container ports among the worst-performing ports in the world. Cape Town port was ranked last out of 405 ports while Ngqura port ranked second to last at 404. The port of Durban was positioned at 399 and Port Elizabeth at 391. In comparison, regional ports Walvis Bay and DP World run, Maputo, were ranked at 392 and 317, respectively.

To focus on the positives, Transnet's recovery plan includes a significant boost from the South African National Treasury. Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) will invest over R13 billion in various projects over the next five years, including developing Culemborg as a logistics park in Cape Town to increase capacity as well as deepening the N-berth quay in East London to accommodate larger vessels in support of the automotive sector.





Essential equipment investments, set for delivery over the next five years, include new shore cranes, straddle carriers, Rubber-Tyred Gantry (RTG) cranes and hydraulic tension mooring units. Furthermore, Transnet has issued a draft network statement aimed at facilitating private operators' utilisation of the rail system. The appointment of Michelle Phillips as the CEO of Transnet National Ports Authority signals positive changes in leadership.

Transnet's decision to privatise Pier 2 in Durban, South Africa's largest container terminal, handling 46 percent of the country's port traffic, is a further positive and tangible move towards improvement. Yes, there are delays due to legal issues, but ultimately privatisation is expected to bring significant improvements to the port, including increased efficiency and improved competitiveness, while adhering to regulatory compliance and governance standards.

Exporting South African cargo via Namibia and Mozambique offers strategic advantages. Namibia's Walvis Bay port, with its modern facilities and proximity to Cape Town, serves as an effective transshipment port, while Maputo's port provides an alternative for cargo originating from Durban and Johannesburg. Leveraging these routes can mitigate delays and optimise the overall supply chain network across Southern Africa by capitalising on favourable geographical positioning.

While power outages and load shedding by Eskom present challenges, they also underscore the urgency for alternative energy solutions and infrastructure resilience. Addressing these issues is crucial for maintaining production schedules and controlling costs.

Furthermore, managing carbon emissions considering the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will be vital for sustaining South Africa's export competitiveness.

South Africa's diverse export portfolio includes minerals, precious metals, agricultural products, vehicles, machinery, chemicals and base metals. This diversity helps mitigate risks associated with dependence on a single sector and provides multiple revenue streams.

Economic factors, such as the volatility of the South African rand, significantly affects pricing stability and profit margins for exporters, but given the weakness of the ZAR, this has largely benefitted exporters in the past. Quotas and tariffs (from shipping lines) are more likely barriers that poses a threat to export volumes and escalate costs. Fortunately, trade agreements with significant partners like the European Union, the United States (under the African Growth and Opportunity Act) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) offer preferential access to vital markets, boosting export opportunities.

On a positive note, the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) program, an international trade facilitation initiative launched in 2020, is gaining traction. The AEO program offers benefits to certified businesses that comply with specific criteria related to supply chain security and compliance with customs regulations. Benefits include, among others, reduced security deposits, fewer customs inspections and expedited customs processes.





Addressing these challenges to facilitate export trade requires coordinated efforts from the government, private sector and international partners. Key actions include improving infrastructure, streamlining regulations, enhancing competitiveness and ensuring stable economic policies.



### About GAC Laser:

GAC Laser is a South African company specialising in clearing and forwarding, project logistics, and supply chain solutions. GAC Laser has offices in each of South Africa's major ports with operations complemented by GAC's extensive international network, servicing more than 1 000 locations worldwide. GAC Laser's dedicated team of experts understand the challenges and complexities of several specialist industries including agriculture, energy and renewables, textiles, paper and pulp, healthcare and defence. GAC Laser is proud to be a level 2 B-BBEE Contributor, AEO certified, and hold Bureau Veritas ISO 9001 Certification, demonstrating its commitment to excellence and compliance across all facets of operations. GAC Laser can offer solutions to exporters from any port in South Africa, but why not contact us to discuss our solutions through Walvis Bay and Maputo. For that or any other enquiries, please reach out to Patricia Simons on 082 084 0374.





# Agbiz Congress 2024:

## Navigating Agricultural Challenges in a Changing Global Landscape

*Raisins SA het sy eerste Agbiz konferensie bygewoon, waar die landboueiers saam vergader en die toekoms van landbou in SA vorm. Verskeie sake is hanteer en word kortliks hieronder opgesom. Die konferensie dien as 'n goeie netwerk geleentheid. Hieronder kortliks terugvoer van die aangeleentheid.*

The Agbiz Congress 2024, held from 5 – 7 June at Sun City, offered a pivotal platform for reflections on domestic and global challenges impacting businesses within the agricultural sector. With the main theme “Sustaining Growth in a Changing Global Landscape,” the Congress delved into pressing issues ranging from political uncertainty to emerging geopolitical tensions and ways to expand agricultural markets.

Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist of Agbiz, remarked, “The selection of speakers and subject focus of various sessions mirrored the challenges of the day, including political uncertainty, rising geopolitical tensions, a desire to expand agricultural markets, economic conditions, and ways of improving the efficiency of network industries.”

“The Agbiz Congress has become a key event in the agricultural calendar,” stated Theo Boshoff, CEO of Agbiz. “Under the theme ‘Sustaining Growth in a Changing Global Landscape,’ delegates gained critical insights into navigating emerging trends such as geopolitical uncertainty and trade protectionism, as well as unlocking sustainable finance and addressing activist campaigns.”

The Congress commenced with an inspiring opening by former Agbiz Chairperson and Senwes CEO Francois Strydom, followed by Agbiz CEO Theo Boshoff recognising all Congress sponsors. Highlights included presentations by industry experts, including Dr. David Fowkes on prospective global growth and Prof. Mzukisi Qobo on geopolitics, trade, and foreign relations.

An engaging panel discussion facilitated by Theo Boshoff on infrastructure as an enabler of competitiveness featured esteemed panellists Zeph Nhleko, Rudi Dicks, Xolani Zwane, and Dr. Andrew Shaw.

The Congress also hosted the Student Case Study Competition, focusing on “The Resilience and Revival of the South African Wine Industry,” and concluded with successful breakaway sessions exploring emerging challenges and opportunities in international trade and sustainable agricultural finance.



*Videos of the Congress proceedings and presentations, along with all images, can be accessed via the following links:*

- All Congress images
- Agbiz Congress Opening - Wandile Sihlobo
- A word from Antois van der Westhuizen, John Deere Financial (event partner)
- Rudi Dicks - Infrastructure - An enabler of competitiveness
- Prof Ferdi Meyer - Take-outs from panel discussion
- Gilly Dlamini - Take-outs from BASA discussion
- Theo Boshoff - Recap day one, and day two themes
- Dr. Mathews Phosa
- Frans van Wyk
- Thabi Nkosi
- DG Mooketsa Ramasodi
- Mzukisi Qobo – Presentation - Geopolitics, Trade and Foreign Relations
- Frans van Wyk – Presentation – ESG looking beyond compliance to create value
- Dr Alan Hardacre – Crop Life Presentation
- Dr David Fowkes (SARB) – Prospective growth in a changing global landscape



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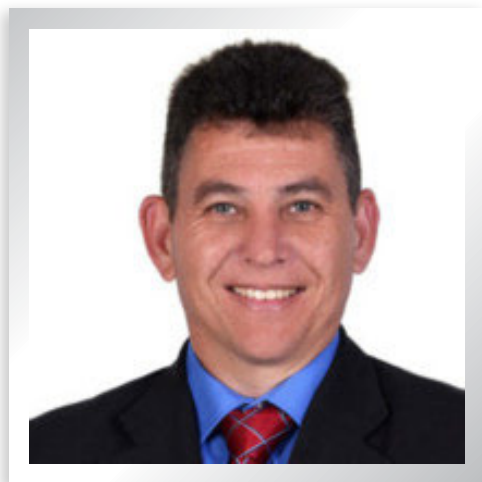
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# Practical training session: NC government team capacity building

By: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA



## Presenter

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Martin holds a PhD in International Trade from the North-West University, South Africa.

*On 9 and 10 April 2024, Dr. Martin Cameron from Trade Research Advisory (PTY) LTD visited and facilitated training on the TRADE-DSM (Decision Support Model) platform.*

The training was presented at the VAMF in Kakamas, for officials from DEDAT and Raisins South Africa NPC.

Dr Ferdie Botha, CEO of Raisins SA, started the session by setting the scene, giving background on the raisin industry (which was used as a case study for the platform).

Mr. Cabanga Moyo, DEDAT, explained why the TRADE-DSM tool is necessary and being implemented by government officials.

Dr Cameron facilitated the training, explaining how the platform works, how to use the filters and how to identify the markets where the data and statistics show there is potential for growth. It is important to note that the platform can not give any absolute answers – critical thinking should still be applied when analyzing the outcome.



On the second day, Carpe Diem Raisins, PepsiCo, Prosperitas Foods and RedSun Raisins joined the session, giving valuable insights to how they experience the various markets and the trading tool.

### *Take away from the two days:*

- Industry needs a better relationship with national government, to ensure everyone is on par with various avenues to explore, bilateral trade agreements, market access etc.
- “Barriers” become a competitive edge when you adhere to them – there must be a drive to address trade “barriers”.
- Industry must learn to work together as SA Incorporated.
- If you don’t measure your results, you can not manage it.
- Trade is changing – align it with the geo-political status quo, SA position is changing in the global context.
- 90% of the decisions we make, are done so unconsciously...

### **Feedback from the processors about the session they attended:**

#### *Nico Koch, PepsiCo:*

“Een van ons groeiende gedroogde wingerdvrugtebedryf se prioriteite is om huidige markte te ontwikkel asook om nuwe markte te identifiseer. Die sessie was ’n stap in die regte rigting om beide prioriteite aan te spreek.”

#### *Stephan Kruger, Prosperitas Foods:*

“Interaktiewe sessies tussen die verskillende rolspelers in die rosynebedryf sal altyd waarde toevoeg tot elkeen se visie en missie. Al het almal uiteenlopende doelwitte, moet ons ’n kultuur van samewerking skep.”

*Going forward, this trade tool will be used to inform Raisins SA’s market strategy to be prepared for the new levy cycle. There was consensus amongst processors/exporters that it would add value as a decision-making tool.*





Wat die stelsel uniek maak, is die struktuur waarop die panele gemonteer is. Die stelsel is nie 'n gewone vaste struktuur, waar die panele 'n vaste Noord-oriëntasie het nie, maar die struktuur beweeg, sodat die panele die son volg. Dit bring mee dat die opwekking vroeër die dag 'n piek bereik en ook weer later die middag sy piek handhaaf.

Die dag was uiters suksesvol en het afgeskop met 'n ligte ontbyt en koffie, waarna die produsente toegesprek is deur verskeie rolspelers.

## Gritsol opedag, Turksvy Boerdery (Ou SADOR plaas)

*Deur: Johan Karsten - Gritsol*

*Op die 17de April 2024 het bietjie meer as 50 produsente en belanghebbendes, by Turksvy Boerdery (Ou SADOR plaas) bymekaar gekom vir die Gritsol opedag, om die Turksvy\_Solar sonstelsel bekend te stel.*





Johan Karsten van Gritsol het oor die nuttigheid van sonkrag gepraat, Pieter Botha van Nedbank het 'n insiggewende gesprek gelewer oor die ekonomie en die Eskom situasie, Chris Stander van Agrico het gepraat oor die finansieringsamewerking tussen Agrico en Nedbank, sowel as die skakeltuig opsies vir sonkrag spesifiek. Daar was ook praatjies van STI Norland, i.v.m. die sonstelsel bewegende strukture en WEG groep het hulle skakeltuig bespreek.

Na die kort aanbiedings is die produsente die geleentheid gebied om op die plaas, tussen die sleutelpunte rond te beweeg en met die rolspelers te gesels oor die werking en moontlike oplossings vir sy/haar eie behoeftes.

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*Dit was 'n gesellige kuier vir oud en jonk, met vrugtevolle interaksie tussen rolspelers en produsente.*

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Die Turksvy Boerdery projek se rolspelers was Nedbank, uit 'n finansieringsoogpunt, Gritsol wat die sonstelsel ontwerp en opgerig het, Agrico wat die skakeltuig voorsien en geïnstalleer het, asook Ronald Blume, wat die telemetrie by Turksvy Boerdery behartig.

Besondere dank aan David van der Merwe (Snr en Jr) van Turksvy Boerdery, vir die geriewe en gasvryheid, sowel as Marlizé Botha, vir die gesellige atmosfeer en heerlike verversings.





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# RSAMF terugvoer

Deur: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA

*Tydens die vorige bemarkingsvergadering is besluit dat die kernpunte saamgevat en gedeel moet word met die produsente. Die volgende punte is by die vergadering bespreek en uitgelig:*

1. Die VSA is 'n baie belangrike mark vir Suid-Afrikaanse rosyne. In 2022/23 was daar wesenlike afkeurings van SA produk by die VSA hawens. Daar moet 'n plan/ooreenkoms in plek gestel word om SA produk voor verskeping te inspekteer (op VSA standaard) om verliese vir die bedryf te voorkom. Hierdie inspeksies moet in samewerking met die USDA plaasvind, om te verseker dat afkeurings slegs in uitsonderlike gevalle plaasvind. Raisins SA moet hierdie aangeleentheid, in samewerking met die toepaslike rolspelers, as 'n prioriteit hanteer. Oor die afgelope twee jaar is 38 vragte by die VSA hawens afgekeur – dit lei tot 'n beraamde verlies van R40m vir die industrie.
2. SA se produksie is stewig op pad na 100 000 ton en meer in die nabye toekoms. Daar moet in verskeie bemarkingstrategieë investeer word om Suid-Afrika as verskaffer en sy produk weg te differensieer van 'n kommoditeit.

Daar is tussen Raisins SA en sleutel verpakkers besluit dat 'n buitengewone poging ingesit sal word om 'n generiese Raisins SA handelsmerk\* by SIAL, Parys (Oktober 2024) bekend te stel. Dit sal ontwikkel word as 'n strategie om SA weer as 'n voorkeur verskaffer van 'n premieprodukt te posisioneer. Hierdie is 'n langtermyn strategie wat gemik is op die vestiging van 'n positiewe reputasie en die uitbreiding van markgeleentheid. Uiteindelik is die doelwit om voorkeur en breër marktoegang vir die SA produk teen 'n premie prys te bewerkstellig.

3. IDC – vloedhulpskema gaan voort. Daar word gepoog om produsente teen 30 Junie 2024 toegang tot fondse te gee. Tans benodig die IDC nog R50m in skenkingsfondse om die fondse te blend en 'n rentekoers van prima -2% te realiseer. Indien dit nie realiseer nie, sal die rentekoers prima +2% wees. Die fonds sal vir twee jaar in plek wees, en September 2026 tot 'n einde kom. R333m se uitbetalings is alreeds aan 752 produsente gemaak, wat 'n rentebesparing van R44m tot gevolg het.



4. Bins en die effektiewe bestuur daarvan is 'n groot kopseer en uitdaging. Ongeveer R0,21 sent/kilogram gaan verlore a.g.v. die oneffektiewe wat dit meebring. Produsente moet toesien dat die regte bins aan die regte verpakkers terugbesorg word. Daar is besluit dat Raisins SA 'n gesprek sal fasiliteer om 'n basiese kontrole en werkswyse te bespreek.
5. Die VK mark is baie prys sensitief en geo-politiese veranderinge gaan veroorsaak dat die benadering vanaf SA na die VK mark aangepas moet word. Die VK moet wel steeds 'n fokusmark bly. Ondersoek die voedselveiligheid beleide wanneer die strategie vir die VK ontwikkel word.
6. Die VK mark koop ongeveer 180k ton se roysne jaarliks aan, waarvan Suid-Afrika gemiddeld 4 600 ton voorsien (2,56%). Daar is dus 'n reuse geleentheid om met gemak nog 15k ton daarheen te skuif (waarde van ongeveer R720m). SA kan onself baie goed posisioneer, aangesien daar alreeds sprake is vir hoër residu vereistes in die VK.
7. Raisins SA gaan poog om, soortgelyk aan produsente studiegroep opnames, die samewerking van verpakkers te kry om die tipiese kostes en eenheidskoste van 'n "klein", "medium" en "groot" verpakker te modelleer, wat kan dien as 'n tipe benchmarking in die bedryf, deursigtigheid te bevorder en wedersydse begrip vir die uitdagings te ontwikkel.





# Transformasie





# Stellenbosch Universiteit Kortkurse

By: Chantelle Kotzè, Raisins SA

*Die Kortkurse in Tafel- en Droogdruiwverbouing, aangebied in samewerking met Raisins SA en SATI is almal NKR-vlak 6 kurse, geakkrediteer deur Stellenbosch Universiteit.*

Die teikengroep vir bogenoemde kurse is produksiebestuurders, toesighouers, produsente, en tegniese persone.

Die eerste drie kurse het reeds in Mei plaasgevind, maar daar is steeds twee oor wat in Julie en Augustus voltooi kan word. Die onderwerpe is Plantbeskerming en Droogdruiwproduksie.

Hierdie kurse sal jaarliks aangebied word by die Vine Academy te Kakamas, daar word ook 'n virtuele bywonings opsie gebied vir diegene wat nie in persoon kan bywoon nie.

Produsente word versoek om hul werknemers in te skryf om hierdie modulêre kurse te voltooi. 'n Aantal merietebeurse word jaarliks, deur Raisins SA toegeken aan belanghebbendes.



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# SCHOOL SHOE PROJECT



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Steps towards a brighter future



# Raisins SA School Shoe Donation Initiative

By: Desiree Adams,  
Vine Academy and Model Farm

*Raisins SA, in its commitment to social responsibility and community development, initiated a campaign to donate school shoes to underprivileged learners across various schools.*

This report provides an overview of the initiative's objectives, implementation process, and its impact on the beneficiaries.

## Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Raisins SA School Shoe Donation Initiative were to provide essential school supplies to underprivileged learners, particularly school shoes, to promote educational access and equality by removing barriers to learning for vulnerable primary school learners.

Raisins SA conducted a needs assessment and consultations with schools to identify areas with the greatest need. There were ten schools identified in various areas like: Kakamas, Keimoes, Upington and Vredendal.

Collaborations were established through getting donations from suppliers and sponsors who want to participate in this project. Donors such as Spar Kakamas, RedSun Raisins and Pioneer foods (PepsiCo) contributed to the success of this project.

Raisins SA sourced high-quality school shoes from reputable suppliers, ensuring durability and comfort for the learners. The shoes were distributed to the identified learners through a transparent and accountable process, coordinated with the school principal and SGB members.



Figure 1

Primary school Oranje-suid





**Figure 2**

Principal with VAMF staff and SGB member at Primary school Kakamas

The Raisins SA School Shoe Donation Initiative has had a significant impact on these learners and the school community. The receipt of new school shoes has boosted the self-esteem and confidence of the learners, empowering them to pursue their educational goals with renewed enthusiasm.

By addressing a basic need, the initiative contributed to breaking the cycle of poverty and improving educational outcomes for underprivileged learners.



**Figure 3**

Dr Ferdie Botha at Vyebos Primary School

What makes the program so unique is the distinctive approach by having not only the CEO but also the Transformation Manager directly participate in the distribution team.

The Raisins SA School Shoe Donation Initiative, with the CEO and Transformation Manager's direct involvement in the distribution team, exemplifies the company's dedication to making a meaningful impact in society.



**Figure 4**

Transformation Manager –  
Simone Oliphant at Vredendal Primary School

By leveraging their leadership and expertise, they not only enhanced the effectiveness of the initiative but also inspired others to embrace a culture of social responsibility and community engagement. Moving forward, Raisins SA remains committed to driving positive change and creating lasting social value, guided by the collaborative efforts of its leadership team and employees.



# PEPSICO

## A SUCCESS STORY OF COLLABORATION FOR RAISINS SA QUARTERLY REPORT

*By: Nico Moloto - Director Corporate Affairs,  
PepsiCo SA*

*In the lower Orange River Valley, the  
Eksteenskuil Agricultural Co-operative (EAC)  
has experienced a remarkable transformation.*

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of PepsiCo SA and Raisins SA, local farmers in this rural Northern Cape community have been empowered to revitalise their agricultural ventures and achieve unprecedented success in their craft.

Last year, PepsiCo SA initiated a support programme for 24 small-scale farmers in Eksteenskuil, providing R3.5 million in production and pruning working capital.

This funding, ranging from R5, 000 – R1, 000 000 per farmer, was crucial in addressing the farmers' immediate financial needs and enabled them to invest in their crops.

Raisins SA played a pivotal role in this initiative, offering comprehensive assistance in business planning, training and development. Their support ensured that the farmers were well prepared to maximise the impact of the loans and improve their agricultural practices.

One of the beneficiaries, Desiree Elma Adams, received R130, 000 for her raisin farming efforts. With this support, she managed to produce an impressive 54, 705 kg of raisins this year. Another beneficiary, Llewelyn Denver Adams, received R88, 000 and successfully yielded 13, 967 kg of raisins. These two stories are testament of the positive outcomes experienced by the many farmers who form part of the programme. PepsiCo managed to procure a total of 1 135 tons of raisins from these emerging farmers.

Upon delivering their crops to the Upington raisins factory in March this year, the majority of these farmers have in addition, managed to repay their loans, demonstrating the initiative's success and the farmers' dedication despite tough climates – both economic and natural.

This initiative has not only provided financial stability but also fostered a sense of empowerment among the farmers. The skills and knowledge gained through Raisins SA's training programmes have equipped them to manage their farms more efficiently and sustainably. The community has witnessed a resurgence of economic activity, with local farmers now able to invest in better equipment, diversify their crops and improve their overall quality of life.



*The partnership between PepsiCo SA and Raisins SA has proven to be a beacon of hope for the Eksteenskuil community.*



By combining financial support with comprehensive training and development, this initiative has created a sustainable model for agricultural empowerment.

The success of this project underscores the transformative power of strategic partnerships and targeted support. It highlights the importance of providing not just financial aid but also the tools and knowledge necessary for long-term success. The Eksteenskuil farmers are now better equipped to face future challenges and continue their journey towards sustainable growth and prosperity.





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# The Annual Transformation Knockout Tournament

By: Arthur Phillipus, Vine Academy and Model Farm

*Raisins SA's Transformation portfolio, in its commitment to social responsibility and community development celebrated Youth Day by introducing the annual under-11 knockout soccer tournament for previously underprivileged primary schools across the Upington community.*

The tournament aimed to provide a platform for these young kids to cultivate a love and passion for sport and to bring about a paradigm shift in the minds of these kids.

The first annual Transformation Knock-Out soccer tournament was held on the 14th of June 2024 at Robert Gunda Stadium in Paballelo. Sambok Booysen, a now-retired professional football player in Upington shared words of encouragement and wisdom with the boys to kick-start the program of the day.



Figure 1

Oranje Oewer Intermediate school learners with their goody bags



Figure 2

Fransiscus Primary School. Winners of the tournament



**Figure 3**

Oranje Oewer Intermediate School , 1<sup>st</sup> runner up

Vela-Langa Primary School, Lukhanyiso Primary School, Pabellelo Primary School, Franciscus Intermediate School, Oranje Oewer Intermediate School, Louisvale Intermediate School, and Vooruitsig Primary School all participated in the tournament and after six games and a nail-biting final, Fransiscus Intermediate School (Figure 2) emerged as the champions of the day with Oranje-Oewer Primary School (Figure 3) and Vela Langa Primary School (Figure 4) emerging as 1st and 2nd runners up.

The total tournament prize money was a whopping R6,000 in equipment with the Top Goal scorer and Goalkeeper of the tournament each walking away with trophies (Figures 5 and 6).

The day would not have been the success that it was without the assistance from our sponsors Build It Keimoes and PepsiCo. The children were treated to breakfast and lunch along with a goody bag. The eight teams from the respective schools went home with two soccer balls, training bibs, and a whistle.

In the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt:

“  
*We cannot always build the future of our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*  
 ”



**Figure 4**

Vele Langa Primary School, 2nd runner-up of the tournament



**Figure 5 & 6**

Top goalkeeper and top goal scorer of the tournament



# Scatec Bursary Program

By: *Desiree Adams*,  
*Vine Academy and Model Farm*

*As we come to the end of term two, it was crucial to reflect on the progress and accomplishments of the bursary programme learners.*

Despite the challenges our learners had, they still demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a commitment to their academic and personal growth. This includes extra classes at school as well as at the Vine Academy, the educational tour, challenges, and areas for improvement observed during this term.

The Western Cape is renowned for its world-class tertiary institutions, offering a diverse range of academic programs and opportunities.

As part of our ongoing commitment to enriching the educational experiences of our Scatec Bursary Program learners, we are pleased to announce an exciting educational tour scheduled to take place in the Western Cape during the June/July school holiday. This tour is made possible through our bursary program funders, Scatec solar. These tours will include visits to lecture halls, laboratories, libraries, and recreational facilities, offering a comprehensive view of campus infrastructure and resources.

The purpose of the trip is to allow the learners to get an in-depth information breakdown of all the available courses as part of the 2024 support program. The learners each will apply to a select number of tertiary institutions of their choice where they could potentially further their studies. We look forward to embarking on this journey together and creating lasting memories that will inspire and enrich these learners' academic and personal lives.

The learners are very excited to go on this tour. During this trip the learners will get the opportunity to visit various tertiary institutions such as: The University of Stellenbosch, Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute, Cape Peninsula University of Technology. They will also get the opportunity to visit other institutes such as Agricultural Research Council and the office of the bursary funders, Scatec solar. Learners will have the opportunity to engage in discussions, ask questions about various fields of study, and gain insights into the academic rigor and support systems available at each institution.

Their experiences will not only shape their educational pathways but also foster a deeper appreciation for the opportunities available in the Western Cape's dynamic academic landscape. The visit to Western Cape tertiary institutes promises to be transformative for the participating learners.



# Inligting & Kommunikasie



# Understanding Incitement in the Workplace

By: Justin Blignaut



## What is incitement?

The definition of incitement in terms of labour law was affirmed in the case of *Albion Services CC v CCMA* (2013) ZALCD 12, where the court held that the test for incitement is whether the employee had the intention to reach and sought to influence the minds of his/her fellow employees. The court further held that the means adopted by the employee to incite the other employees are of second importance.

## *Must the other employee be aware that their actions are unlawful?*

In the case of *Economic Freedom Fighters v Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development* (2019) ZAGPPHC 253, the court held that incitement does not require that the incited crime should have been committed. The questions that must be asked are whether the inciter believed that the act is unlawful even though the incitee may be unaware that the act is unlawful. There must therefore be a clear direct intention to influence the mind of another for them to commit an unlawful act.

## *What about freedom of expression?*

In *Makhoba v CCMA* (2021) ZALC 11 (13 September 2021), the court held that although a person has the constitutional right to freedom of expression, this right does not extend to the advocacy of hatred that is based on race, ethnicity, gender, or religion and that constitutes incitement to cause harm.





### *Can incitement occur via Social Media?*

In the recent CCMA matter of National Union of Mineworkers obo Namathe/Imerys Refractory Minerals SA (Pty) Ltd (2024) 2 BALR 212 (CCMA), an employee was dismissed for incitement after he posted a WhatsApp message to a WhatsApp Group that he intended to meet with the community in order to induce them to engage in a strike action against the employer.

The Commission held that the content of the message of the employee was to persuade the union members to join an unprotected strike.

It further held that it is probable that the employee wanted to bring the employer's operations to a halt without going through the required process as required by the Labour Relations Act to embark on a protected strike or face possible disciplinary action.

### *Conclusion:*

From the above, it is clear that in order for an employer to dismiss an employee for incitement, the employer needs to prove that there was a clear intention from that employee to influence the minds of his/her fellow employees to commit an unlawful act. The manner in which the employee does this is not important.





# Bobotie with yellow rice and raisins

By: Sam Linsell, Drizzle and Dip



## Bobotie:

### Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp oil
- 1 large onion, peeled and coarsely grated or chopped
- 500g lean beef or lamb mince
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 4 tsp (20ml) medium curry powder (or mild if you prefer mild)
- 1 tsp (5ml) additional medium curry powder or garam masala
- ½ tsp (2.5ml) turmeric
- 1/2 tsp (1ml) ground coriander
- 1/2tsp (1ml) ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp (1ml) mixed dried herbs
- pinch cayenne pepper or chilli powder (optional for heat)
- 2 slices white or brown bread, crusts removed
- ½ cup (125ml) milk
- ½ red or green pepper, finely diced
- 1 large Granny Smith unpeeled green apple, finely diced or coarsely grated
- 1 tsp (5ml) salt
- 1 tsp (5ml) baking powder
- 2 tbsp (30ml) apricot jam or fruit chutney
- 2 Tbsp raisins, soaked in hot water for 5 minutes, then
- 1 tbsp (15ml) white vinegar
- 1 tsp (2.5ml) beef stock powder (or one sachet of stock concentrate)



## Topping:

### Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- ½ cup (125ml) milk
- ¼ tsp (1ml) salt
- 6 – 8 coarsely chopped cashew nuts (optional)
- lemon or bay leaves (optional)

## Bobotie:

### Instructions:

- Heat a nonstick frying pan with 2 tablespoons oil and fry the onion for about 4 minutes until starting to soften. Add the meat, garlic and and stir-fry over moderate heat for about 5 minutes or until the meat is loose and crumbly.
- Soak the 2 slices of bread in the milk.
- Add the pepper and apple and cook 5 minutes more until meat is lightly browned.
- Add the remaining ingredients and cook for a further minute until well combined. Adjust the seasoning to taste and spoon into an ovenproof dish of a suitable size. Smooth the top.
- Beat together the ingredients for the topping and pour over the meat. Scatter the nuts over the top and stick a few lemon or bay leaves decoratively into the meat.
- Bake at 170°C for about 30 minutes for the large dish or 20 minutes for the ramekins or until the topping has set and turned light golden brown.

## Notes

\*loosely cover the dish with a piece of foil to prevent over browning if necessary

## Yellow rice

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250ml) rice (any favourite white or brown)
- ½ tsp (2.5ml) salt
- 1 tsp (5ml) turmeric
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) butter or olive oil
- ¼ cup (60ml) raisins
- 1 small cinnamon stick

### Instructions:

- Soak and rinse the rice according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Place all the ingredients into a saucepan and bring to boil. Turn down the heat and simmer gently for about 25 minutes or until the rice is tender and dry.
- Remove the cinnamon stick and fluff lightly with a fork before turning into a suitable dish to serve.

## Quick apple & raisin chutney

### Ingredients:

- 1 granny smith apple peeled and chopped into small cubes
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 Tbs brown sugar
- ½ tsp medium curry powder
- ½ tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp salt
- A few grinds of black pepper
- Small piece of cinnamon stick or bark

### Instructions:

- Put the apple, raisins, sugar and water into a small pot and bring to the boil. Simmer for 5 minutes.
- Add the rest of the ingredients and keep cooking over a low heat for about 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat when all the liquid has cooked off and the apples start disintegrating and breaking up.
- Allow to cool mashing the apple a bit to thicken.





# Kantoornuus

## Percy Jooste

Graag wil ons ons hartlike dank uitspreek teenoor Percy Jooste, wie ons middel April verlaat het.

*Baie dankie vir u diens en betrokkenheid in die rosynebedryf.*

Percy is nou werksaam by Carpe Diem Raisins, maar sal voortaan steeds betrokke wees by Raisins SA.



## Michael Redelinghuys

Ons het einde April vir Michael Redelinghuys, 'n staatsmaker by die Vine Academy and Model Farm gegroet. Na vier jaar verruil Michael die Noord-Kaap vir Mpumalanga, en los 'n groot leemte agter.

*Baie dankie vir al jou harde werk en bydrae oor die jare.*



## Jurie Becker

Graag verwelkom ons vir Jurie Becker wat as produksiebestuurder by die Vine Academy and Model Farm aan aangesluit het begin Junie. Jurie het op 'n veeplaas op Noenieput groot geword. Hy het agt jaar ondervinding in tafeldruiwe, elf jaar in rosyne en wyndruiwe, asook ses jaar in pekanneute.

*Ons sien uit om Jurie deel van die span te hê, en ons weet die modelplaas is in goeie hande.*






# Carpe Diem

## RAISINS

# Verpakkersinsette: 2024 rosyntjieoes

Deur: Dawid van der Berg – Carpe Diem Raisins

*Die eerste maande van 2024 het verbygevlug en ons staan nou aan die einde van Junie.*

As ons terug kyk na die rosyntjieseisoen wat verby is, was daar soos ander jare onsekerheid rondom volumes van ander lande soos Turkye en Amerika, hoeveel oordragvoorraad beskikbaar was en ook tot op watter mate die tekorte die Suid-Afrikaanse rosyntjiepryse gaan beïnvloed.

Wat wel bekend was is dat die Suid-Afrikaanse rosyntjiebedryf een van sy beste jare gaan beleef met alles wat 100% reg geloop het. Die klimaat was goed, die wingerd het hulle kant gebring, kwaliteit van rosyntjies is goed en alle aanduidings is daar dat die mark ook gunstig gaan wees vir die 2025 en 2026 seisoene.

Die grootste uitdaging vir die bedryf is om 'n meer doeltreffende meganisme vir prysvorming te ontwikkel. Die huidige model waarvolgens pryse vir die jaar vasgestel word, word gebaseer op heersende markprys in Januarie waarteen die meeste van die kontraktering vir die seisoen geskied, is 'n baie lomp prysmeganisme wat basies nie kan reageer op veranderinge in markomstandighede nie. Dit is almal in die waardeketting se belang dat die kommoditeit meer likiditeit moet beskik. Die produk se verkooppriese moet 'n meer akkurate weerspieëling wees van die heersende markomstandighede.

Daar was van vroeg Januarie 2024 al navrae vir goue rosyne van Suid-Afrika as gevolg van lae volume goues wat in 2023 produseer is en Ramadaan wat reeds in Maart plaasgevind het.



Die vraag vir Thompsons was aanvanklik meer traag en het eers werklik vanaf middel Februarie verbeter. Daar was aanvanklik veral weerstand teen die hoër pryse waarteen Suid-Afrikaanse Thompson aangebied is, maar namate pryse in Turkye begin styg het, het kliënte begin om te kontrakteer in Suid-Afrika.

Goeie volumes rosyntjies is ontvang wat die verpakkers help om hulle infrastruktuur en toerusting ten volle te benut. Fabrieke werk tans op vol kapasiteit en die kopers vra dat produk so gou moontlik gelaai moet word omdat die aanvraag hoog is. Die hawe in Kaapstad doen ook goed op die oomblik met min tot geen skepe wat nie laai of verby Kaapstad gaan nie.

Plaaslike kliënte kry baie swaar omdat die kwaliteit van die vrugte goed is en daar baie min standaard en industriële graad produk beskikbaar is.

Die wisselvalligheid van die Rand is 'n besondere groot uitdaging hierdie jaar. Die onsekerheid rondom die finale uitkoms van die verkiesing, maak dit veral moeilik om die valutarisiko te bestuur. 'n Paar weke gelede het die Rand skerp verswak as gevolg van negatiewe sentimente rondom die invloed van die MK party, terwyl die Rand nou weer versterk in reaksie op die vorming van 'n Regering van Nasionale Eenheid.

Alle aanduidings is dat daar min tot geen oordrag voorraad gaan wees aan die einde van die seisoen. Met goeie mark vooruitsigte vir 2025, is dit van kardinale belang dat ons soveel moontlik rosyne kan verpak en verskep voor die 2026 Turkse oes beskikbaar is, vanaf September maand.

Die afgelope tyd is daar wel weerstand wat ontwikkel teen die hoër pryse waarteen die laaste 2023 Turkse produk aangebied word en daar is groot afwagting rondom die vlakke waarteen die nuwe Turkse oes aangebied word. Die seisoen is egter nog nie verby vir die verpakkers nie, daar is nog ses maande se harde werk oor om al ons produk in kartonne te kry en so gou moontlik op die water.



*Dawid van der Berg*



### AANDAG VERPAKKERS

*Raisins SA wil baie graag nuus vanaf julle ontvang om in die nuusbrieff te plaas!*

*Indien enigiets by julle gebeur wat julle via die nuusbrieff wil versprei, stuur dit asseblief deur aan Chantelle Kotze*



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# Raisins SA ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING EN HEFFINGSAANSOEK 2024

*Deur: Madene Conradie, Raisins SA*

*Raisins SA het ons algemene jaarvergadering in al vier wyke gehou, vanaf 10-12 Junie 2024.*

**Die volgende punte is by die vergaderings hanteer:**

- Goedkeur van notule vir 2023 se algemene jaarvergadering
- Voorlê van algemene jaarverslag en finansiële state
- Aanwys van ouditeure
- Direksieverkiesing
- Strategiese plan 2025-2028
- Heffingsaansoek:
  - o Raisins SA
  - o Vrugtevlieg (Wyk 1-3)



David van der Merwe, voorsitter van Raisins SA





Die roadshow is afgesluit by Wyk 4, in Vredendal

David van der Merwe (voorsitter van die direksie) en Ferdie Botha (HUB van Raisins SA) het die aanbiedings hanteer. Alle punte is afgehandel sonder enige teenstand, en die volgende besluite is geneem:

- Venter en Vennote sal vir 2024 weer Raisins SA se ouditeure wees.
- Burger le Roux is herverkies as Wyk 3 se direksielid.
- Die gekoöpteerde direksielede is:
  - o Nico Koch (PepsiCo)
  - o Earl Loxton (gekoöpteer namens opkomende produsente)
  - o Anthony Mac Minn (Sol Plaatjie Universiteit)
  - o Dawid van der Berg (Carpe Diem Raisins)
- Raisins SA se heffingsaansoek vir die nuwe siklus is goedgekeur, op die volgende bedrae:
  - o 2025: R0,224/kg
  - o 2026: R0,238/kg
  - o 2027: R0,254/kg
  - o 2028: R0,27/kg

- FruitFly Africa se heffingsaansoek is goedgekeur, vir Wyk 1-3, op die volgende bedrae:
  - o 2025: R0,172/kg
  - o 2026: R0,186/kg
  - o 2027: R0,202/kg
  - o 2028: R0,219/kg

Daar was baie goeie interaksie by al die sessies, en waardevolle punte is geopper, waaraan aandag gegee gaan word.

Baie dankie aan elkeen wie die moeite gedoen het om die jaarvergadering by te woon! Ons sien uit vir die volgende vier jaar saam met u, en om waarde toe te voeg sover as moontlik.



Ferdie Botha, HUB van Raisins SA



# Landbou Gemeenskap Ontwikkeling

Deur: Jaap Mostert, LGO

*Gestig deur die Landbougemeenskap, vir die Landbougemeenskap.*

Die LGO tree op as 'n spreekbuis vir beide produsente en plaaswerkers, en fokus op dienslewering, onderhandelings, opheffing en ontwikkeling in Matzikama.

Op 13 Oktober 2023 was David Klaaste, plaaswerker en program koördineerder, in 'n ongeluk betrokke met die LGO se Nissan bakkie. Gelukkig het David ongeskonde daarvan afgekóm. Die bakkie is egter a.g.v. die skade daaraan, afgeskryf.



'n Bedrag is deur die versekering uitbetaal en die LGO direksie het besluit om 'n tweedehandse voertuig aan te koop om die Nissan te vervang.

Daar is ook besluit om vas te stel of daar instansies sou wees wat belangstel om borgskappe aan te bied met 'n teenprestasie van advertering op die voertuig. Die LGO het Raisons SA genader en met die hulp van 'n ruim bedrag van R50 000 as deel van die deposito kon ons 'n vervangende bakkie aankoop.

*Dankie Raisons South Africa, jul bydrae word opreg waardeer!*

### LGO se 6 doelstellings:

1. Landelike beveiliging – koördinerings van aktiwiteite;
2. Ondersteuning en hulp aan landbou-produsente en plaasarbeiders met betrekking tot die volhoubare landbou praktyke, asook die toesien dat alle betrokke staatsdepartemente hul wetlike verpligte diens sal lewer met betrekking tot die veiligheid en opvoeding van landbou-produsente en plaasarbeiders;
3. Konflikresolusie en die bevordering van rekonsiliasie;
4. Opheffing en ontwikkeling van landbou-produsente deur verkryging van toepaslike hulp en fondse;
5. Opheffing en bemagtiging van plaasarbeiders, hul familie en kinders; en
6. Die beveiliging van plase, wat insluit die promovering van menseregte.





# NOMINASIES VIR 2024 SE GALA IS OOP

# Gala

2024  
INSKRYWINGS SLUIT  
**10 JULIE 2024**

**SKRYF IN HIER**

Genomineerdes moet hulself beskikbaar stel op 19 Julie 2024 vir 'n onderhoud virtueel of in persoon (Upington).



## Opkomende produsent van die jaar

Om opkomende produsente te vereer vir hul uitsonderlike prestasie in die rosyntjiebedryf.

2023 Wenner

Koos Smith



## Innoveerder van die jaar

Om erkenning te gee aan innoverende denke in die rosyntjiebedryf.

2023 Wenner

Jaco Smit & Herman Heunis



## Vroueprodusent van die jaar

Om vroueprodusente te vereer vir hul uitsonderlike prestasie in die rosyntjiebedryf.

2023 Wenner

Santa Hanekom



## Jongprodusent van die jaar

Om produsente, jonger as 40 jaar, te vereer vir hul uitsonderlike prestasie in die rosyntjiebedryf.

2023 Wenner

Jan-Philip Botha



## Beste vordering getoon

Om produsente wie, deur beste boerderypraktyke toe te pas, erkenning te gee vir die vordering wat hul in hul produksie en kwaliteit getoon het die afgelope jaar. Hierdie kategorie is vir produsente wie ouer as 40 jaar is, en wesenlike vordering getoon het in terme van produksie (dit sluit uit verhoogde produksie te danke aan blokke wat ten volle in drag gekom het).



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# *Symposium* + mini skou

*Merk die datum*

**29 & 30 Augustus 2024**

**Plek: Vine Academy, Kakamas**





# Simposium + mini skou

**Merk die datum want ons gaan GROOT by  
vanjaar se Nedbank Simposium.**

*Vir die eerste keer ooit, hou ons vir twee dae lank Simposium.*

*Uitstekende sprekers, mini skou en vermaak is op die program.*

*Beslis 'n jaar om nie te mis nie.*

*RSVP vroegtydig by Chantelle Kotzé: 082 596 8179*



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## **Mini Landbouskou:**

Ons nooi graag uitstallers om deel te vorm van ons eerste mini landbouskou. Oop vir die publiek van Vrydagmiddag tot laat. Uitstallers hoef nie noodwendig 'n industrie-rolspeler te wees nie. Ons beplan vermaak vir die hele gesin. Kom kuier saam!


**Kontak Chantelle Kotze i.v.m. uitstallerspasië.**



# Kalender

## Julie 2024

\*Tentatiewe datums wat steeds kan verander

JULIE 2024							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9 Skole begin kwartaal 3	10 DWPO OR 2 SunWorld Open Fruit Show: CA USA (non-licensees)	11 DWPO OL 2 OL Velddag SunWorld Early- Season Table Grape Field Day: CA USA (licensees)	12 ORLU bestuursvergadering	13	
14	15	16	17	18 VAMF Gradeplegtigheid	19 GALA ONDERHOUDE	20	
21	22	23 ORLU funksie	24 ORLU kongres en bestuursvergadering	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	






# Kalender

## Augustus 2023

\*Tentatiewe datums wat steeds kan verander

AUGUSTUS 2024							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30	31	1	2 VAMF Opedag	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9 VROUEDAG	10	
11	12 SAPO @09:00	13	14	15	16 RAISINS SA BOARD MEETING 2	17	
18	19	20	21 Agri NK jaarlikse kongres SunWorld Open Fruit Show: CA USA (non-licensees)	22 Agri NK jaarlikse kongres SunWorld Mid-Season Table Grape Field Day: CA USA (licensees)	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29 SIMPOSIUM + Mini Skou	30 SIMPOSIUM + Mini Skou	31	



# Kalender

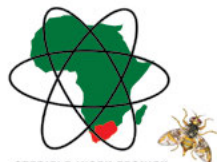
## September 2023

\*Tentatiewe datums wat steeds kan verander

SEPTEMBER 2024		Raisins South Africa				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					NAMPO Wes-Kaap	NAMPO Wes-Kaap
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NAMPO Wes-Kaap	FFA direksieverg @14:00		GALA		Skole sluit kwartaal 3	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		ERFENISDAG		CULDEVCO @09:00	NUUSBRIEF 3	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5



# Bedryfstrukture



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# Die braaivleis-rooster

Deur: Ghian du Toit, FruitFly Africa

*Wingerdsanitasie is 'n bietjie soos 'n vuil braairooster. Nadat almal lekker geëet het aan die skaaptjops is niemand juis lus om die vetterige braairooster te gaan skoonmaak nie.*

Ver lekkerder is om liewer jagstories uit te ruil en nuwe visvang-ekspidiesies te beplan. Maar, ongelukkig is daardie braairooster te astant om homself te gaan was. Een van FruitFly Africa se rolle is om fluitjie te blaas wanneer iemand nie sy 'braairooster' (lees 'wingerdsanitasie') skoongemaak het nie.

## Onlangs het ons pesmoniteerders die volgende probleemgevalle gerapporteer:

- Hoë vals kodlingmot vangstes;
- Hoë vrugtevlieg vangstes, veral naby bees- en/of skaapproduksie;
- Wingerde wat nie skoon gepluk word nie (Na-trossies).



Ons rig 'n pleidooi aan produsente om ons te help om die bio-risiko's wat peste bring te verlaag deur goeie en gereelde wingersanitasie te doen.

*Dan kan ons mos weer 'n tjoppie op daardie mooi skoon braairooster gooi!*



*Uiters hoë Mediterreense vrugtevlieg vangstes in 'n wingerd naby aan beesproduksie (Louisvale).*



*Uiters hoë Mediterreense vrugtevlieg vangstes as gevolg van na-trosse (Witklip)*



# GARIEP WATCH TERUGVOER – JUNIE 2024

Deur: Fritz Bekker, Gariep Watch

## 1. Klassifisering van die Vaal- Oranjerivierstelsel

Die Departement en Water en Sanitasie (DWS) is besig met 'n proses om die Vaal-Oranjerivierstelsel te herklassifiseer sodat nuwe hulpbronkwaliteitsdoelwitte saamgestel kan word. Die rivier se nuwe klas asook bestuursdoelwitte gaan dan in die Staatskoerant gepubliseer word, waarvolgens die rivier dan bestuur gaan word. Gariep Watch het die waterhulpbron-klassifiseringsvergadering van 22 Mei 2024 in Upington bygewoon, wat deel was van 'n konsulteringsproses met rolspelers.

Hierdie klassifiseringsproses is uiters belangrik aangesien 'n laer rivierklas mag beteken dat die rivier se vloei, waterkwaliteit en die ekologiese reserwe aangepas kan word. Hierdie aanpassings word dan gedoen vir nuwe ontwikkelings en allokasies ten koste van huidige verbruikers en die akwatiese ekosisteme.

Rioolbesoedeling van die rivier kan dus gewettig word soos wat gebeur het in 2009 toe dieselfde proses deur die DWS gevolg is. Tydens hierdie proses is die gewenste toestand van die rivier se watergehalte verlaag en die rivierklas is sodoende afgegradeer. Hierdie verlaging van die doelwit word in die volgende tabel aangedui soos die DWS dit vir Boegoeberg vasgestel het in 2009:

**Tabel 1: Watergehaltedoelwitte soos voorgestel deur die DWS by Boegoeberg**

VERANDERLIKE	HUIDIGE TOESTAND (2009)	DOELWIT
Cl (mg/l)	44.3	100
TDS (mg/l)	346	400
P04-P (µg/l)	20	30
NO3+NO2 (mg/l)	0.2	0.4
E. coli CNT/100 ml	8	130



## **Gariep Watch het verskeie probleme met die huidige proses wat deur die DWS en hul konsultante gevolg word. Van hierdie aspekte is die volgende:**

- Die rivierstelsel se bestaande riool-gekompromiteerde toestand kan nie as beginpunt geneem word waarvolgens die rivier se klas afgegradeer kan word nie.
- Die DWS het sedert 2014 slegs sporadiese watergehaltemonitoring gedoen in die Vaal-Oranjerivierstelsel. Wetenskaplik-gefundeerde besluite kan nie sonder behoorlike data geneem word nie.
- Die veranderlikes waarvoor die DWS laat toets sluit nie belangrike bakteriologiese veranderlikes asook die regte plantnutriënte en sekere metale in nie. Veranderlikes soos E. coli, kwik, totale stikstof en ammonium ontbreek in die DWS databasis.
- Die kwaliteit van riviersedimente moet in ag geneem word aangesien metale en farmaseutiese produkte in die sedimente opeindig.

Tydens die vergadering van 22 Mei 2024 is Fritz Bekker van Gariep Watch benoem om op die werkskomitee te dien wat hierdie jaar twee keer gaan ontmoet. Gariep Watch gaan goed nagevorsde inligting met die DWS en hul konsultante deel om seker te maak dat die rivier korrek geklassifiseer word.

## **2. Noord-Kaapse geïntegreerde provinsiale watermoniteringskomitee (NC IRWMC)**

Die aanlyn vergadering is op 30 Mei 2024 bygewoon.

Tydens hierdie NC IRWMC vergadering het Gariep Watch 'n versoek ontvang vanaf Nokwanda Mkhize van DWS (Kimberley) om saam met hulle te werk met die vervolging van munisipaliteite wat ongesuiwerde riool vrylaat na die rivier.

Gariep Watch sal met haar kontak maak en saak-vir-saak bewyse saamstel vir die Nasionale Vervolgingsgesag. Gariep Watch het reeds 'n risiko-prosedure ontwikkel waar stroom-op en stroom-af vergelykings gedoen kan word om te bepaal wat elke munisipaliteit se bydrae tot die besoedeling is.

Daar is 'n versoek gerig aan die NC IRWMC om met die volgende vergadering 'n aanbieding te doen oor die nuutste Gariep Watch navorsingsresulate.

## **3. Riviermonitering**

Daar sal teen die einde van 2024 'n jaarverslag saamgestel word wat die watergehaltesdata grafies sal voorstel vir bespreking. Die tweede kwartaallikse opname van 2024 is pas in Junie voltooi.

## **4. Navorsing**

Fritz Bekker van Gariep Watch is tans besig met die navorsing van die nuutste internasionale watergehaltestandaarde en die toepassing daarvan op die Vaal-Oranjeriviersisteem.

Daar is bevind dat die Suid-Afrikaanse Watergehalteriglyne van 1996 verouderd en ook dikwels foutief is.

Nuwe riglyne word voorgestel wat van groot waarde sal wees vir die rivierklassifiseringsproses soos tans gevolg deur die DWS. 'n Voorbeeld van hierdie internasionale riglyne is die mikrobiologiese kwaliteit van besproeiingswater soos vervat in Tabel twee. Hier kan duidelik gesien word dat internasionale standaarde minder streng en meer realisties is as die Suid-Afrikaanse Watergehalteriglyne van 1996.

**Tabel 2: Internasionale mikrobiologiese riglyne (E. coli) vir besproeiing**

COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION	GUIDELINE CFU/100 ml
US FDA FSMA	GM $\leq$ 126; STV $\leq$ 410
US Clean Water Act	No standard
US FDA	QMRA to be carried out
Canada	< 100 E. coli
Canada (British Columbia)	< 77 E. coli
EU	Between 100 – 10 000 E. coli





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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

> *Chantelle epos*

> *082 596 8179*



### NOTA

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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