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2022 se lesse as voorbereiding vir die 2023 seisoen

Laer kwaliteit neut, het 'n impak op prys. Soos reeds genoem het die groot oes met laas seisoen se aanjaar, verlaagte kwaliteit tot gevolg gehad. Die normale indop uitvoer persentasie van 93% het teruggesak na 86%. As ons kyk na die huidige seisoen wat weer 'n afjaar is, is die verwagtinge dat volume gaan afneem en kwaliteit verbeter.

Probleme by hawens. Swaar reën en vloede het chaos by Durban hawe veroorsaak in April laasjaar en in Oktober het stakings verdere komplikasies to gevolg gehad. Dit het bygedra tot vertraging en gepaardgaande kontantvloei probleme by verwekkers in die 2022 seisoen. Wat die effek van beurtkrag by hawens gaan wees hierdie seisoen, is 'n ope vraag.

Verswakte Chinese geldeenheid. Die Yuan het vanaf Maart 2022 tot Oktober met om en by 9% teenoor die Dollar verswak wat Pekanneute vir die Chinese mark duurder gemaak het, met gepaargaande verlaging in pryse. Waar pekanpryse van die begin van oes laasjaar tot uitvoer van neutte verswak het, het dit ook verwerkers onder druk geplaas. Ons hoop is dat, soos normaalweg die geval is, sal pryse later in die seisoen verbeter.

Ivan Otto: SAPPA Voorsitter

Dawn Mtshali – Tigress of Walkerville

Walkerville, Midvaal (Gauteng-south) was recently in the news for the tiger that was on the loose, but Dawn Mtsali gives us some more reason to be interested in this area.

Walkerville (Walker's Fruit Farms) was better known for the largest apple farm in the Union of South Africa, established by the late Arthur Walker. The area has good, deep fertile soils and river systems like the strong Klip River, draining the portion of Johannesburg south of the Witwatersrand, makes Walkerville a very suitable agricultural destination, especially for permanent crops. Subsequently, other fruit & nut trees were also introduced, like pecan nut trees.

Today, the number of SAPPA memberships - from Walkerville - is growing rapidly, as more and more small-scale and emerging pecan farmers are introduced to the SAPPA Transformation Programme. One such person is Dawn Mtshali. Dawn joined the programme in 2018 and is an active member of SAPPA since then and the 245 pecan trees she has received is thriving under her watchful eye!

The main cultivars planted were Wichita and Navaho, but Dawn has an enquiring mind and would like to experiment with other cultivars like Choctaw, Barton and Pawnee. Being in the pharmaceutical industry, Dawn was also very interested in the nutritional aspects of Pecan Trees, right from the start.

Once, during an orchard visit, I was surprised that the synthetic fertilizer we supplied, was not applied as instructed. Cedric, the Malawian "orchard manager" informed me that Dawn actually preferred organic fertilizer and that they bought their own! That led to an introduction to a major local organic fertilizer manufacturer. Today, this company mix and supply all the organic fertilizer for beneficiaries of the SAPPA Transformation Programme in this area.

More than 60% of Dawn's trees are already in production. Some of the first year's planting (2018) started to produce in year 3 already. The total 2022 crop was three times the quantity of 2021. After recent visits by the SAPPA Manager and myself, we estimated the 2023 crop may triple again.

It is custom to do orchard visits with a cool box on the back of the bakkie. One thing I really appreciate about Dawn is her hospitality during visits, always ready with coldrink, water or even a bar of beauty soap for my wife!

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