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SAPPA INFORMATION DAY & AGM

7 NOVEMBER 2025 @THE VENUE, HARTSWATER

**THEME: THE PECAN FARMER OF
THE FUTURE**

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Oesskatting

Die Julie oesskatting projekteer 'n oes tussen 42,100 ton en 46,500 ton. Histories word ongeveer 90% van die oes in-dop uitgevoer.

Unlock the Hidden Potential of Your Pecan Orchard with Cover Crops

Herlu Smith from the Jacobsdal district shares his journey with cover crops. In 2017, he started with 7 hectares under cover crops. Today, that area has grown to 80 hectares as part of his commitment to soil health and orchard sustainability.

In 2017, we introduced cover crops—namely white clover (*Trifolium repens*), red clover (*Trifolium pratense*), and tall rye (*Secale cereale*)—as part of a long-term strategy to enhance soil structure and promote sustainable weed suppression. The primary objectives were to increase organic matter content, improve water infiltration, and reduce compaction in our predominantly heavy clay soils.

Planting cover crops between pecan trees provides a wide range of environmental benefits that extend beyond improved orchard productivity. While some growers use livestock to manage cover crops and diversify income streams, we chose to mechanically mulch...

Read more: <https://www.sappa.za.org/unlock-the-hidden-potential-of-your-pecan-orchard-with-cover-crops/>



Hoe werk SAPPA se Streeksdirekteur-verkiesingsproses?

SAPPA se direksie bestaan uit 13 lede - 9 streeksdirekteure en 4 gekoöpteerde direkteure. In hierdie stuk fokus ons op die proses waarvolgens streeksdirekteure verkies word.

Elke streeksdirekteur dien 'n termyn van drie jaar, waarna hul posisie weer verkiesbaar is. Indien 'n bestaande direkteur se termyn verstryk, en die persoon is bereid om vir nog 'n termyn te dien, kan die SAPPA-raad hom of haar as kandidaat voorstel - mits die raad van mening is dat die direkteur bevoeg, betrokke en 'n positiewe bydrae tot die bedryf lewer.

Benewens die raad se aanbeveling, kry die betrokke streek ook die geleentheid om nominasies vir direkteure in te dien. Indien meer as een nominasie ontvang word, word daar tydens 'n streeksvergadering gestem om die nuwe direkteur aan te wys.

SAPPA kommunikeer jaarliks met die betrokke streke wanneer daar 'n geleentheid vir nominasies is. Hierdie jaar is dit die beurt van Streek 5, 7 en 8 se direkteure wat verkiesbaar is. Hou dus julle e-posse en WhatsApp's dop vir belangrike kommunikasie rondom die proses.

SABO Microbial Remedy Workshop – Register Now!

Dear Growers,

We're excited to share an important training opportunity from the South African Bioproduct Organisation (SABO) that we believe will be of great value to you.

SABO will be hosting its first Microbial Remedy Training Workshops on the following dates:

- Pretoria – 16 July 2025 (In-person & Online)
- Paarl – 17 July 2025 (In-person only)

□ These workshops will focus on Microbial Remedies for Crop Protection – a crucial and growing aspect of modern crop management.

With the increasing number of microbial products available, it's more important than ever to understand what they are, how they work, and how to integrate them with synthetic products in a meaningful way.

□ Why you should attend:

Learn to confidently select, recommend, or use microbial bioproducts

Hear from top local and international experts

Understand how these products are tested, regulated, and applied

Distinguish between high-quality and non-compliant products

Help shape a more credible and informed bioproduct industry in South Africa

□ Bonus: The first 10 growers to register for each location attend free of charge!

SABO is committed to independent, product-neutral training to uplift the quality and integrity of the bioproduct sector. Whether you're a grower, advisor, or simply curious – this is not to be missed.

□ Seats are limited, so register today:

□ <https://shorturl.at/OONHD>

SAPPA se Standpunt teen die Moontlike Afgradering van die Benede-Oranjerivier

SAPPA het via Gariep Watch kennis geneem van gesprekke oor die moontlike afgradering van die Benede-Oranjerivier na Klas 3. As 'n bedryf het ons ons ernstige kommer en teenkanting aan die Departement van Water en Sanitasie oorgedra.

Ons is in formele gesprek met die departement en het die potensieel verwoestende impak van só 'n besluit op die pekanneutbedryf duidelik uitgelig. Die ekonomiese en sosiale gevolge van waterbeperkings sal groot wees, nie net vir produsente nie, maar ook vir omliggende gemeenskappe.

Ons het ook ons voorneme uitgespreek om voortdurend by die proses betrokke te bly en gereeld ingelig te word oor enige ontwikkelinge. SAPPA is vasberade om, saam met ander betrokke landboubedrywe, alles in ons vermoë te doen om hierdie afgradering teen te staan.

New Registered product list & Croplife Document

Please find the latest Registered Product List for Pecan Nuts in South Africa under Plant Protection Products & MRL Lists at: <https://www.sappa.za.org/crop-protection/>

Croplife provides an update on the status of agricultural remedies classified as substances of concern in South Africa, including those being discontinued, reclassified, or undergoing the derogation process. It outlines regulatory changes effective from June 2025 and actions required by stakeholders. Read here: [Update on substances of concern June 2025.pdf](#)

Suid-Afrikaanse Kultivar Lys

SAPPA, met die hulp van kenners in die industrie, het 'n kultivarlys saamgestel van gewilde pekankultivars in Suid-Afrika.

Die lys bevat 26 kultivars, elk met eienskappe soos vorm, grootte, doptipe, kernpersentasie en aanvullende kommentaar.

Die lys is beskikbaar op ons webtuiste by: <https://www.sappa.za.org/cultivar-information/>

Voorbeelde van inligting in die lys:

Cultivar	Shape	Nut Size	Shell Type	SKR
Western Schley	Sharp	S to XL	Soft (thin shell, cracks easily)	55-58%
Wichita	Sharp	M to OS	Soft (medium thick shell)	56-64%
Pawnee	Sharp	M to OS	Soft (thin shell, 'papershell')	55-58%

Characteristics

Hardy, drought-tolerant tree. Common pollinator (Type A) for 'Wichita'.
Very prolific; a top commercial variety in SA. Requires pollinator (Type B).
Early ripening. Excellent kernel quality; popular in commercial orchards.

Transformation in Action: Growing Orchards, Growing Dreams

By Fhatuwani Nemvumoni – Nemvumoni Farms (Pty) Ltd

Nemvumoni Farms (Pty) Ltd was established in 2018 by myself, Fhatuwani Nemvumoni, and my sister, Elelwani Nemvumoni. Our farm is located in the Loubad region of Modimolle, on Portion 17 of Farm Buffelsfontein, covering 43 hectares.

We were born in Thohoyandou and raised in Polokwane. I am a qualified Civil Engineer (BSc – UKZN, MEng – Stellenbosch University), and my sister is a Quantity Surveyor (BTech – NMMU).

Our passion for agriculture began when...

Read more: <https://www.sappa.za.org/transformation-in-action-growing-orchards-growing-dreams/>



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