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Minister Parks Tau Leads Delegation to India



From August 25 to 29, South Africa's Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Parks Tau, led a high-level delegation to Mumbai and Delhi at the invitation of India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal. The mission aimed to strengthen bilateral trade ties, deepen economic cooperation, and explore new market opportunities between the two nations. The visit comes amid growing efforts by Minister Tau and Minister of Agriculture John Steenhuisen...

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Remhoogte: Prieska se storie van volhoubare boerdery

Op Remhoogte, sowat 40 km buite Prieska langs die Oranjerivier, is pekanneute al lank deel van die plaas se storie. Die eerste bome is in 2003 geplant, en intussen is meer as 360 ha gevestig. Die oudste aanplantings (70 ha) is egter al in 1996 deur oom Charl de Villiers op Oranjelandgoed geplant. Vandag is Johan en Pierre de Villiers die eienaars, met Xander van Heerden wat sedert 2014 die pekanneute bestuur.

Hoe dit alles begin het:

Volhoubare landbou het in 2019 regtig by Remhoogte posgevat toe Alex Bosman van Real IPM vir Xander en sy span aan John Kempf van die VSA voorgestel het. Dit het hulle sommer behoorlik aan die dink gesit. Ure se webinare en podcasts is gekyk en heelwat navorsing is gedoen – die belangstelling was groot.

Maar eintlik het die pad vroeër begin. Reeds in 2017 het hulle besluit om eerder skape in die boord in te bring vir onkruidbeheer...

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Pecan Market Snapshot – September 2025

Global pecan supply remains tight, with North American production falling and South Africa standing out as a growing source. Here are the key indicators shaping prices and opportunities for producers this season.

Key Insights

- Global production down ~4% to 288,934 t; kernel output down ~6%.
- Ending stocks are tight ~ barely 2 months of consumption buffer
- U.S. & Mexico facing ~10% declines due to hurricanes and drought.
- South Africa rising: ~45,000+ t expected in 2025.
- China's zero-tariff policy for African imports boosts SA appeal.
- Tariff uncertainty on U.S. exports adds volatility and diversifies demand.

Market Implications

1. Prices remain supported into Q4 2025.
2. SA growers well-positioned, but quality and consistency are key.
3. Match shipments to Chinese festival demand peaks.
4. Keep developing alternative markets.

Read full Market Outlook with sources here:

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Streek 8: Nuwe Direkteur

Jannie Smit, die direkteur van Streek 8, het as direkteur van SAPPA bedank. SAPPA wil hiermee vir Jannie opreg bedank vir sy tyd en toewyding aan die bedryf, waar hy die streek met die grootste volume pekanneute verteenwoordig het.

Jannie, baie dankie vir jou insiggewende bydrae en opofferings sedert Oktober 2016. Die bedryf waardeer dit werklik.

Met sy uittrede het ons die geleentheid gebied aan die streek om 'n nuwe direkteur te nomineer om op SAPPA se direksie te dien.

Ons verwelkom hiermee vir Fanie Engelbrecht as die nuwe streeksdirekteur van Streek 8.

Fanie baie dankie vir jou bedreidwilligheid om die streek en die bedryf te verteenwoordig, ons sien uit na die bydra en die verskil wat jy aan die bedryf gaan maak.



Industry Update on Nickel

On 2 September SAPPA had the opportunity to engage with members from the Unit for Food Contaminants of the European Union. SAPPA was represented by Cobus van Rensburg, Hardus du Toit and Kobus Hartman. Kobus Hartman was co-opted to assist the pecan industry on this matter as he has many years of experience working within the food safety environment.

Prior to this meeting SAPPA supplied the EU with our research to date into the occurrence of nickel in pecan kernel. Through our research...

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Last Chance for Sponsors and Exhibitioners to be a part of SAPPA's Information Day

 Date: 7 November 2025

 Theme: **The Pecan Farmer of the Future**

Join us for a powerful and insightful day designed to equip you for the future of pecan farming.

Do you want your business to be seen by the members of SAPPA by either an Exhibition Booth or Maybe a Sponsor for the day?

Friendly reminder to all who want to sponsor or do an exhibition at our information day, the cut off date is the 13th of September.

Please reach out to Leilani Le Roux at admin@sappa.za.org for any enquires regarding the day.

Be seen and grow your business with the industry.

More Information Day Speakers to Look Forward to

Here's a sneak peek at two exciting sessions you won't want to miss:

Impact of Water Management on Nut Production

Presented by: Dr. Nicky Taylor – Senior Lecturer, University of Pretoria



Nicky Taylor is proudly South African and a senior lecturer in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Pretoria. Her research focuses on fruit tree water use and plant water relations. Together with her research group, she quantifies orchard water use and develops models that can be applied across diverse production regions in South Africa.

Her work helps refine irrigation planning and scheduling, especially during times of limited water allocation, ensuring yield and quality are maintained while improving crop water productivity. Recently, her research has expanded into testing remote sensing tools to optimize irrigation strategies over large areas. Nicky's session will provide practical insights into how pecan farmers can manage water more effectively to secure future production.

The Future of Food Safety Requirements and Practical Mitigation Strategies

Presented by: Rupert Anelich – Technical Specialist, Anelich Consulting

With more than three decades of experience in the crop protection industry, Rupert Anelich brings deep expertise in technical, regulatory, and marketing aspects of agriculture. Over his 32-year career, he held key leadership roles, including:

Head of Marketing at BASF Agricultural Solutions
Head of Technical Development & Regulatory at Arysta/UPL

Since retirement, Rupert has joined his wife, Dr. Lucia Anelich—a leading food safety expert—at Anelich Consulting, where he advises on technical



and regulatory matters. He has expanded his focus to include on-farm good agricultural practices and internal auditing, making him uniquely positioned to guide farmers through evolving food safety requirements.

In this session, Rupert will unpack what the future holds for food safety standards, and share practical strategies to help pecan producers meet requirements while maintaining efficiency and competitiveness in export markets.

Food Safety For Tree Nuts: Proposed Updated R707

The department of agriculture circulated an updated “Standards Regarding Food Hygiene and Food Safety of Regulated Agricultural Products of Plant Origin Intended for Export” (previously R707) to industries for comment. Public participation period closed at the end of August.

A notable development in the new draft is the inclusion of tree nuts as a regulated agricultural product, along with a more formal integration of good agricultural practices and traceability requirements.

SAPPA and SAMAC collaborated...

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Transformasie: van Onderwyser tot Pekanboer



Dawid van der Westhuizen van Groblershoop het vir baie jare as onderwyser in die dorp gewerk. Sy droom was egter nog altyd om eendag buite die dorp te gaan woon – op 'n plaas waar dit stiller en rustiger sou wees wanneer hy aftree.

Met dié in gedagte het hy 'n huis net buite Groblershoop in die Noord-Kaap gekoop. Saam met die huis het daar ook 'n stuk grond gekom. SAPPA het in 2016 die eerste 60 bome...

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