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SAPPA Inligtingsdag en AJV



Baie dankie aan al ons lede wat die Inligtingsdag en AJV bygewoon het. Ons het meer as 225 rolspelers uit die bedryf byeengebring vir 'n dag van leer, samewerking en vooruitdenkende gesprekke.

'n Groot dankie ook aan ons borge wat die dag moontlik gemaak het.



Director's Report: Key Highlights

- **Record Production:** 2025 delivered over **50,000 tons**, up **35.8%** from last year, with improved quality across the board.
- **Future Outlook:** Production may exceed **70,000 tons by 2030** — alternative market development is essential. SAPPA advises producers to allocate **15% of their crop** to new markets.
- **Market Conditions:** Prices declined **7–10%** due to higher volumes and weaker demand in China. Input costs remain a concern, especially rising SOE-related expenses.
- **SAPPA Initiatives:** Consumer campaigns in China, expanded producer–processor collaboration, hosting international buyers, and lobbying for better tariffs.
- **Kernel Challenges:** EU **Nickel MRL limits** reduced kernel exports. SAPPA is actively engaging authorities to revise these levels.
- **Food Safety:** A **GAP guideline** is being finalised to support sustainability, traceability, and market access.

- **Global Positioning:** Strengthened ties with China and plans to establish **official SAPPA representation** there.
- **Research Focus:** Ongoing projects on water use, pests, diseases, cultivars, fruit drop, yield prediction, and benchmarking.

Overall: Despite lower prices and export barriers, the industry showed **exceptional resilience** through record volumes, strong quality, and proactive action. SAPPA remains committed to growth, innovation, and collaboration.

Surviving to Thriving with Mental Toughness

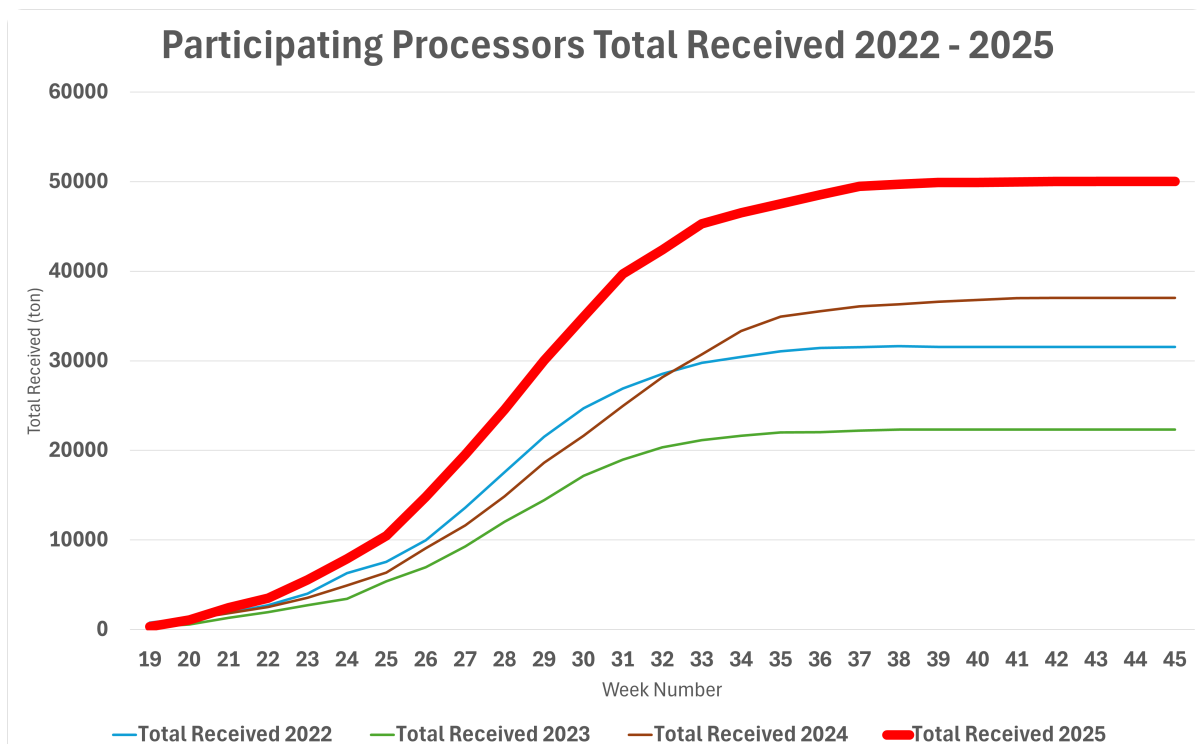
In his engaging presentation, Dr Steve Harris unpacked the principles of mental toughness and how they can transform personal and professional resilience. Find the link to his book *Surviving to Thriving with Mental Toughness* below.

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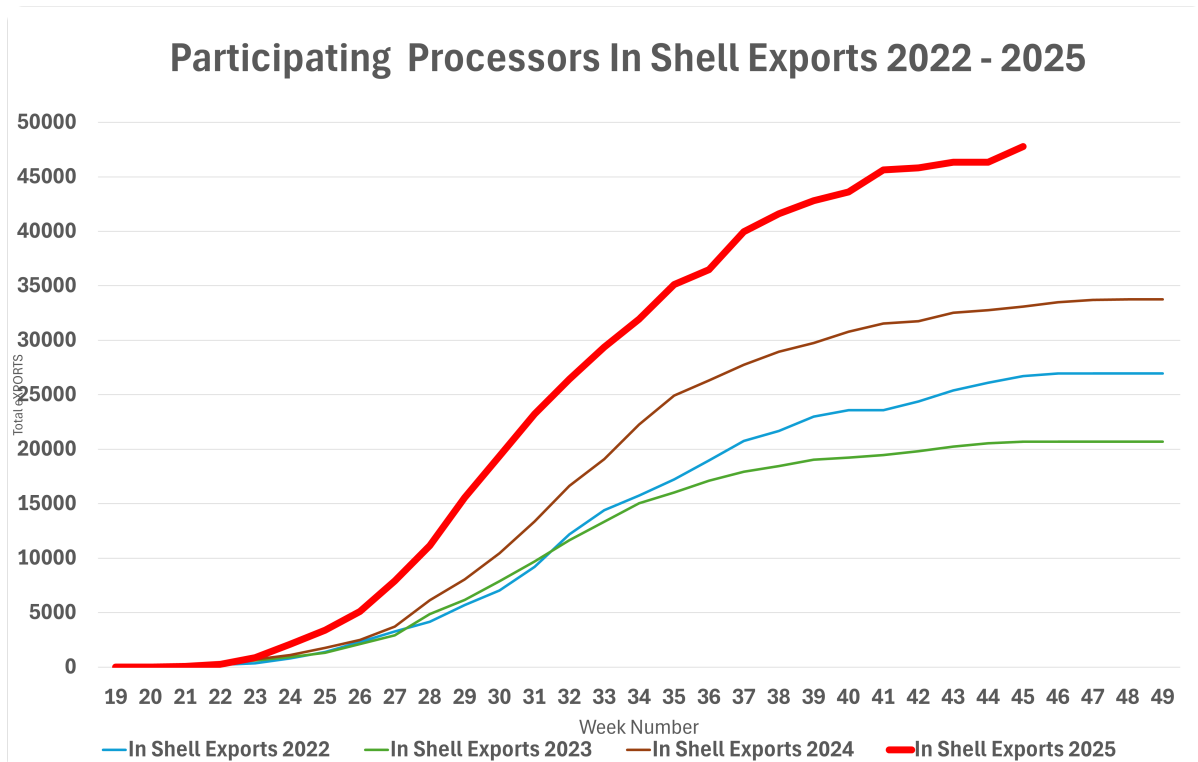
2025 Harvest Figures

By the end of **week 45**, participating processors have received an impressive **50 030 tons**. Of this, **47 800 tons**- equating to approximately **96%** of the total received, have been **exported in-shell**.

This season stands out not only for its record-breaking volumes but also for the **exceptional quality** of nuts delivered. Producers, processors, and exporters have worked **hand-in-hand** to ensure a smooth, efficient, and successful season. We can be truly **thankful for the favorable conditions**, excellent cooperation across the value chain, and the outstanding results achieved.



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At the end of week 45 the participating processors have exported 47 800 ton In-Shell.

Unlock the Power of Your Orchard Data

We are excited to remind all producers that SAPPA's **free, industry-developed benchmarking platform** is now open for participation.

Benchmarking is one of the most powerful tools a farmer can use:

- ➡ It helps you understand how your orchard compares to industry and regional averages.
- ➡ It highlights strengths, identifies improvement areas, and supports better decisions.
- ➡ It allows you to track your performance year-on-year with clear, practical indicators.

Our platform was designed **by the pecan industry, for the pecan industry**, offering:

- **Anonymous and secure data comparison**
- **Simple input process**
- **Easy-to-understand reports**
- **Key indicators across orchard information, input costs, quality, and income**

Whether you want to optimise yields, understand your competitiveness, or simply learn from the broader industry, participating will help you make more informed decisions.

👉 **Participation is free**, and every producer's data strengthens the insight we can give back to the whole industry.

Visit the link below to register and request a license.

If you would like to join or need assistance getting started, please contact us at **info@sappa.za.org**.

Let's measure, learn, and grow together.

Start Benchmarking!



European Nickel Update

The European Commission and Member States have started discussions regarding Nickel MRL levels.

During the Scopaff meeting on 19 September the Member States discussed the possibility of increasing the MRL for Nickel in pecan nuts from 3.5mg/kg to 10mg/kg. Thus far no Member State has commented against this proposal. The EU Commission considers including this proposal in an amendment of Regulation 2023/915 on several contaminants, which is targeted for a vote by end of 2025.

Daar is dus goeie vordering in die verhoging van die MRL vlakke van Nikkel. Alhoewel daar nog nie finaal gestem is oor die saak nie, is SAPPA positief dat die MRL vlak wel gelig sal word.

VSA en Argentinië het ook kopsie gemaak oor die MRL vlak en het aangedui dat hulle ook gereeld resultate kry wat die huidige 3.5mg/kg oorskry.

SAPPA gaan voort met navorsing oor Nikkel.

- Bepaal of Silikon alleen die Nikkel vlakke kan afbestuur
- Kyk na die invloed van Silikon, Kalsium, Koolstof en Humaat om die Nikkel vlakke in die neute af te bestuur.
- Kyk of die tyd van Nikkel blaarspuite deur die seisoen 'n invloed het op die Nikkel vlakke in die pekan kern.

Ons wil steeds egter almal se aandag fokus op Nikkel.

SAPPA raai dus produsente aan om liewers nie Nikkel te spuit, tensy daar tekort simptome op die blare aan die boom wys nie.

Ganspan Nedersetting: SAPPA se Transformasie-sukses



Ganspan in die Vaalharts-gebied bestaan uit baie klein landerye van sowat 0,8 ha, wat graanproduksie onprakties maak. Daarom het boere hier 'n behoefte aan hoëwaarde-gewasse wat op klein erwe lewensvatbaar is.

SAPPA het in 2013 'n transformasieprojek in Ganspan begin nadat verskeie boere belangstelling getoon het om pekanneute te plant. In 2014 is die eerste boere met bome ondersteun, en vandag lewer baie van hierdie boorde reeds goeie oeste. Die res van die boere se bome groei sterk en toon goeie potensiaal.

Daar is tans nege gevestigde opkomende boere, en in die 2025-seisoen is drie nuwe boere bygevoeg. Elke nuwe deelnemer het 30 bome en heinings ontvang om hul lande teen diere te beskerm.

SAPPA ondersteun die oorspronklike groep jaarliks met bemesting, waterbestellings, winter-snoeiopleiding en gereedskap. Die positiewe groei en entoesiasme in Ganspan wys dat selfs klein erwe groot sukses kan oplewer wanneer boere hul pekanboorde goed versorg.



SAPPA Greetings / SAPPA Groete



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