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Februarie Oesskatting

Hoewel dit nog vroeg in die seisoen is en sekere faktore steeds die finale oesgrootte kan beïnvloed, dui die huidige aanduidings op 'n belowende 2026-seisoen. SAPPA se eerste oesskatting projekteer 'n nasionale oes van ongeveer 55 000 ton, met 'n verwagte band tussen 52 300 ton en 57 800 ton.

Produkstietoestande in die meeste streke was oor die algemeen gunstig, en die bedryf bly op 'n stabiele groeipad. Histories is ongeveer 90% van die oes in-dop uitgevoer.

Gulfood 2026: Positioning South African Pecans on the Global Stage

SAPPA recently attended **Gulfood**, one of the world's largest and most influential food and beverage trade exhibitions, bringing together more than 8,500 exhibitors from over 190 countries.

Our focus was clear: market and position the growing volume of **Pecans from South Africa** in global markets. The team visited every pecan exhibitor, engaged in strategic discussions on sourcing and trade flows, and actively promoted South Africa's quality, timing and reliability as a supply partner. Notably, many Chinese exhibitors confirmed that their pecans are sourced from South Africa, reinforcing our strong footprint in global supply chains.

Beyond pecans, SAPPA also explored new trade opportunities — including potential in-shell exports to Mexico and the USA — and engaged with key industry stakeholders such as the INC and the American Pecan Council.

The full article unpacks:

- Global pecan presence at Gulfood
- Strategic meetings and collaboration opportunities
- Emerging trade prospects
- Key takeaways for the South African industry

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China Market Update – January 2026

MZMC has provided a comprehensive China market update, covering recent economic developments and key trends shaping the nuts industry.

China met its official 5% GDP growth target in 2025, largely driven by strong export performance, while domestic consumption remained subdued.

The report highlights the emergence of a “two-speed” economy, ongoing deflationary pressures, currency movements, and what these dynamics may mean for trade in 2026.

From a pecan perspective, the update also covers:

- Rising (but still modest) domestic pecan production in China
- Agronomic challenges limiting local yields
- The strategic importance of the Hainan Free Trade Port for nut imports

- Growing visibility of South African pecans in premium retail channels, including Spring Festival gift boxes

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Nickel (Ni) in Pecan Production

We invite producers to read this informative article on Nickel (Ni) in pecans to better understand its role in pecan production.

The article focuses on nickel as an essential plant nutrient and aims to highlight where nickel originates, why it is important for pecan trees, and the key factors that promote or limit nickel uptake.

[Click HERE to read the full article](#)

Verskillende Bedrywe, Dieselfde Uitdagings

Aan die begin van 2025 is die Perennial Fruit Industries Research Managers Forum gestig.

Hierdie forum skep 'n platform waar die navorsings bestuurders van verskillende bedrywe, gefokus op permanente gewasse, saam gesels oor uitdagings en moontlike oplossings wat vir almal tot voordeel kan wees. Hoewel elkeen van die bedrywe tans betrokke by die forum nl. Pekans, Makadamias, Sitrus, Sagte- en Steenvrugte, Tafeldruiwe, Wyndruiwe, Droogdruiwe, Bloubessies, Avos, Mangos en Litchis hul eie unike uitdagings in die gesig staar is daar ongelooflik baie ooreenstemmings tussen die verskillende bedrywe.

Almal beleef 'n tekort aan navorsings kapasiteit in sekere velde, almal ervaar druk vanuit 'n voedsel veiligheid oogpunt, almal ervaar dieselfde probleme om genoeg gewas beskermings middels op die mark beskikbaar te hou vir ons produsente om effektiewe gewas produksie te ondersteun, baie van dieselfde insekte is plaë oor verskeie bedrywe, dieselfde swamme pla op verskillende gewasse.

Hierdie is slegs van die aspekte wat ons tydens die onlangse forum vergadering op 27 Januarie in Hartswater bespreek het, want waar een bedryf reeds die skoolgeld betaal het is dit nie nodig vir 'n volgende om dieselfde fout te maak nie. Deur te deel waarmee ons sukselvol is maar ook waarmee ons onsuksesvol is en te deel waarmee elke bedryf besig is, skep dit nie net 'n geleentheid om by mekaar te leer nie maar ook vir samewerking op verskillende vlakke.

Die dag is afgeluit met 'n eg Noord Kaapse boord braai.



SAPPA Strengthens Trade Ties with China at High-Level Embassy Meeting

On Friday, 30 January, the South African Pecan Nut Producers Association (SAPPA) paid a strategic visit to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Pretoria, marking an important step forward in strengthening trade relations between the two countries.

The meeting was guided by two key objectives:

1. To deepen the mutually beneficial trade relationship between South Africa and China, and
2. To discuss the current 7% trade tariff on pecan nuts, including the possibility of reducing the tariff to 0%.

SAPPA representatives met with Ambassador Wu Peng, Mr Qiu Zhongyi (Economic and Commercial Counsellor), and Ms Katherine Yang (Attaché). Ambassador...

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CropLife SA: Hofuitspraak oor “Restricted Agricultural Remedies”

SAPPA is volledig toegewyd daaraan om ’n veilige produk vir ons eindverbruikers te produseer en moedig produsente deurgaans aan om slegs geregistreerde gewasbeskermingsprodukte te gebruik.

Oor die afgelope 18 maande het SAPPA gereeld met lede gekommunikeer oor sekere chemiese produkte wat as “**Restricted Agricultural Remedies**” geklassifiseer is. Dit het onder meer beteken dat produsente ’n **Pest Control Operator (PCO)**-registrasie sou moes hê om hierdie produkte te kan aankoop en aanwend.

Verskeie produsente het egter uitdagings ervaar met die PCO-registrasieproses, veral rondom administratiewe vereistes en wagtye. Teen die einde van 2025 het

CropLife SA 'n hofgeding ingestel om duidelikheid te verkry oor die regulatoriese posisie. SAPPA het CropLife in hierdie aansoek ondersteun.

Op 26 Januarie 2026 het die Hooggeregshof uitspraak gelewer ten gunste van CropLife SA. Die hof het beslis dat "restricted agricultural remedies" soos gedefinieer in die 2023-regulasies nie onder die PCO-regulasies van 2011 val nie.

Dit beteken tans:

- Produsente kan hierdie produkte aankoop en gebruik sonder 'n geldige PCO-registrasie.
- Ander toepaslike wetgewing bly egter steeds van krag.
- Die regering behou die reg om die wetgewing te wysig of teen die uitspraak te appelleer.

CropLife SA het ook 'n volledige inligtingsessie aangebied waarin die uitspraak en die pad vorentoe uiteengesit word.

 Die opname van die sessie is onder beskikbaar.

Ons vestig graag u aandag op die volgende belangrike punte:

- 'n **Verklaring** moet steeds voltooi word wanneer 'n produk wat as "Restricted Agricultural Remedy" geklassifiseer is, aangekoop word. 'n Afskrif moet vir rekorddoeleindes bewaar word (sien verklaring in die CropLife-dokument).
- Hierdie uitspraak is 'n **interim-uitkoms** en nie noodwendig die finale regulatoriese posisie nie.
- "Restricted Agricultural Remedies" bly geklassifiseer as **hoog-gevaarlike plaagdoders (HHP's)** en moet verantwoordelik hanteer en aangewend word volgens etiketvoorskrifte en toepaslike wetgewing.
- Pogings om aan PCO-vereistes te voldoen was nie verniet nie, aangesien toekomstige wysigings steeds moontlik is.

Voedselveiligheid bly nou én in die toekoms 'n kernprioriteit vir SAPPA. Ons moedig alle produsente aan om voort te gaan om gewasbeskermingsprodukte verantwoordelik, wetlik en volgens beste praktyk aan te wend.

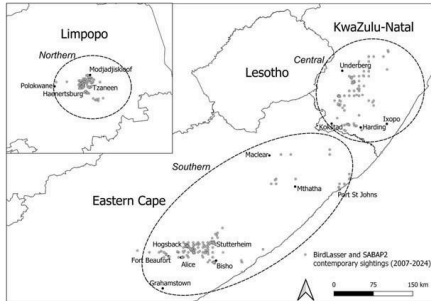
Gebruik die skakel om die volgende dokumente onder "*Restricted Agricultural Remedies*" te kry:

- Clarification on Regulatory Position following High Court Ruling regarding Restricted Agricultural Remedies
- Information Session on Restricted Agricultural Remedies and PCOs (Slides)
- CropLife SA Information session Court ruling regarding restricted remedies & PCOs (Youtube Video)

[Kliek HIER om Dokumente te kry](#)

Help Track Cape Parrots in Pecan Orchards

The Cape Parrot Project is calling on SAPPA members to assist with research into Cape Parrot activity in pecan orchards.



With fewer than 2 000 Cape Parrots remaining in the wild, understanding how these birds use pecan orchards is vital for effective conservation. Researchers are particularly interested in where parrots are being seen, how they interact with orchards, and producer experiences across the species' distribution range.

If you have seen Cape Parrots on your farm, whether currently or historically, or fall within their range, your input would be highly valuable.

[Click HERE to Help Track Cape Parrots](#)

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