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SA TAFELDRUIF INDUSTRIE **NUUSBRIEF 1: 16 Oktober 2009**

Reënskade in Brasilië

'n Naweek van swaar reën het omvangryke bars skade veroorsaak aan Thompson Seedless uit die Petrolina streek in Brasilië. Alhoewel die persentasie skade nie vasgestel kon word nie, blyk dit uit die land se oesskatting dat swak klimaatstoestande in die algemeen tot 'n verwagte verlaging van 30% in die totale druiweproduksie en 'n 25% verlaging in die totale druiwe uitvoere vir die huidige seisoen verantwoordelik sal wees. Op die foto regs is korrelbars op Thompson seedless in Brasilië.

MEMO Consumer Education Campaign UK & Germany

A memorandum regarding the planned consumer education campaign in the UK & Germany was sent to all producers on 12 October 2009. Should you require any further details, please contact Rhomona Gounden (rhomono@satgi.co.za)

SA Tafeldruif Vaardigheids Opname

Produsente word vriendelik versoek om deel te neem aan die Vaardigheids opname wat onlangs per e-pos versend is. Hierdie opname sal ons in staat stel om te verseker dat fondse bestee word waar dit werklik benodig word. Vir meer inligting kontak vir Phil Bowes (phil@satgi.co.za)



SANAS ACCREDITATION FOR DAFF LABORATORY

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) Analytical Laboratory – South (Stellenbosch) has achieved its long awaited SANAS accreditation. This accreditation means that MRL test results are now acceptable within the realms of GLOBALGAP etc. and that South African producers now have a wider choice of analytical laboratories to use when it comes to the testing of pesticide residues for export and local market purposes.

The Industry congratulates DAFF Analytical Laboratory – South on this exceptional achievement and trust that the accreditation of the remaining laboratory (North) will follow shortly.

ETHEPHON NOTICE

As everyone is aware by now, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) had published a reasoned opinion with regards to the lowering of the Ethephon MRL to 0,05 mg/kg during the coming season. We are still awaiting the final acceptance of this change by the EU Parliament and it is expected that the MRL will come into effect approximately during May 2010.

EFSA has since published a new reasoned opinion wherein the Ethephon MRL had been adjusted upward again. This opinion however still needs to be put forward to the EU Regulatory Committee for Pesticide Residues for evaluation and we thus cannot assume that the new proposal will be accepted.

A memorandum containing the detail of the new proposal will be circulated shortly to all producers and exporters.

OTPV PLAASWERKER VAN DIE JAAR

Die Olifantsrivier het onlangs, op 21 September 2009 vir Maria Malan as hulle plaaswerker van die jaar bekroon. Die prysuidelings funksie is ook tydens die OTPV se Algemene Jaarvergadering gehou. By die algemene jaarvergadering was die Minister van Vervoer Wes-Kaap, Robin Carlisle sowel as Minister van Landbou Wes-Kaap, Gerrit van Rensburg. Die streek is baie beindruk met die getal inskrywings wat hulle ontvang het, veral aangesien dit die eerse keer is wat die kompetisie in die streek aangebied is.

Op die foto links is: Voor: vlnr. Wenner, Maria Malan, Minister Gerrit van Rensburg, Agter: vlnr. Frank de Wee, Tertius Pietersen, Petrus de Wee en James Ruiters



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