UIT DIE PEN VAN DIE CEO (32/19)

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"I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else" Toni Morrison

AGRI'S GOT TALENT (AGT)

Toe Anton Rabe, die dryfkrag agter AGT, die CGA genader het om AGT ook te borg en die sitrusbedryf betrokke te kry, was dit 'n "no-brainer". Vir die afgelope vyf jaar het ons van die kantlyn af gekyk hoe hierdie briljante inisiatief wat deur VINPRO, SATI en HORTGRO ondersteun word, gegroei en geblom het. In 2019 is die sitrusbedryf bygevoeg - en werkers van die sitrusbedryf is uitgenooi om by hul sagtevrugte en druiwe-bedryfsgenote aan te sluit deur 'n kort snit te stuur wat hul musikale talent ten toonstel. Gedurende die afgelope vyf jaar is werkers in die druiwe- en sagtevrugtebedryf ondersteun deur die erkenning wat hierdie kompetisie meebring. In die eerste jaar van betrokkenheid was die sitrusbedryf baie opgewonde om twee finaliste in die top tien te hê: Mario Christoffels (met die verhoognaam Mario Blunt) van Zandvliet Indigo, en Nonkululeko Sambo van KMI Farming in Nelspruit. 'n Persverklaring van AGT:

An agricultural worker in the citrus industry from KMI Farming in Nelspruit, Nonkululeko Sambo, walked away with the Agri's Got Talent (AGT) 2019 crown in what was described as the toughest competition yet. Magdaleen Philander from Nonna Estate in Worcester was second, and Zenobia Pietersen from Marianne Wine Estate, near Stellenbosch, was third.

Eight days ago Sambo, who has never flown in an aircraft before, boarded a flight to Cape Town to join nine other talented agricultural workers to prepare for the gala evening final that was held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West on Friday night.

And the talent shone through. Sambo won the judges and the crowd over with her version of the Leonard Cohen song, Hallelujah. Sambo who started as a general worker on a citrus farm worked her way up to complete an agricultural diploma and is currently an intern at KMI Farming.

"I didn't really have big singing dreams, but it was my friends and family who encouraged me to enter. So I took a chance," an overwhelmed Sambo said.

She won a cash prize of R5000, clothing, make-up and life-skills and voice training, as well as a recording contract worth R15 000 from Wynand Breedt, owner of Traxtudio in Worcester.

CONGRATULATIONS NONKULULEKO, THE CITRUS INDUSTRY IS PROUD OF YOU.

DAMVLAKKE

Produsente in Letsitele staan voor dieselfde uitdaging as wat die Wes-Kaap was met die dag zero voorspelling vir Oktober / November 2019; die Tzaneen dam staan op 12% (2018 - 36%). Elders in die land is dit baie beter: die massiewe Gariep Dam (4 903 miljoen kubieke meter) wat Sondagsrivier voed, is op 89% (91%); Loskopdam in Senwes is op 87% (99%); Flag Boshielo in Hoedspruit is op 63% (93%); Die Bergrivierdam in die Boland is op 100% (86%); Clanwilliam naby Citrusdal is op 92% (99%) en Kouga in Patensie het van 7% in 2018 tot 44% herstel. 'n Volledige verslag oor damvlakke wat vir die Suid-Afrikaanse sitrusbedryf van belang is, kan by www.cga.co.za gevind word.

GEPAK EN VERSKEEP

Miljoen 15 Kg Kartonne tot einde Week 31	Gepak	Gepak	Gepak	Verskeep	Verskeep	Aanvanklike Skatting	Nuutste Voorspelling	Finaal Gepak
BRON: PPECB/AgriHub	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2018**	**2019**	**2019**	**2019**	**2018**
Pomelo's	15 m	17.6 m	15.1 m	15.5 m	13.2 m	17.1 m	**15.7 m**	18.8 m
Sagte Sitrus	10.8 m	12.9 m	14.3 m	11.3 m	11.7 m	18.3 m	18.8 m	16.2 m
Suurlemoene	17.4 m	16.9 m	19.2 m	15.9 m	15 m	22 m	21.9 m	19.9 m
Nawels	19.5 m	23.9 m	20.2 m	21.4 m	16.1 m	26.9 m	24 m	26.7 m
Valencias	23.6 m	19.3 m	18.5 m	13.1 m	11.6 m	52.9 m	**48.2 m**	54.4 m
Totaal	**86.3 m**	**90.6 m**	**87.3 m**	**77.2 m**	**67.6 m**	**137.2 m**	**128.6 m**	**136 m**