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Newsletter

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Policy and Legislation

SA and US agree on protocol to address agricultural issues



South Africa and the United States veterinary experts met on Monday, the 14th of September 2015, in Pretoria, to take stock and advance the technical discussions on the Animal Health issues related to the imports of poultry, pork and beef meat from the United States. The Vets from the two sides agreed on the poultry protocol and poultry

certificate. [Read more»](#)

Good progress made in rolling out of Agri-parks



Significant progress has been made in the roll out of Agri-parks in all 44 districts across the country. Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Minister Gugile Nkwinti said Agri-parks are a Rural Development Program which will serve as a catalyst for the revitalization of the rural economy. The Minister announced that R450 million was set aside

for the establishment of Agri-parks in KwaZulu-Natal out of a total budget of R2 billion for the national roll out. [Media release»](#)

DAFF presents to the Parliament on AgriParks



The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) recently presented on their involvement in AgriParks to the Select Committee on Land and Minerals. Agribusinesses are advised to peruse closely the section on silo provision. Agbiz members are again advised to liaise with government officials running AgriParks in their areas of business to avoid unnecessary duplication of

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expensive infrastructure. A list of contact persons has been requested from DRDLR for this purpose. Please click on [DAFF Presentation](#) to peruse.

DAFF releases Agricultural Policy Action Plan



The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) has released its Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP) to the public. Please click on [APAP](#) to peruse.

Agbiz presents at IMASA's 70th birthday celebration



Dr John Purchase will be delivering the keynote address at the Institute of Market Agents of South Africa's (IMASA) gala dinner in Bloemfontein tonight. IMASA, a member of Agbiz, celebrates its 70th birthday this year. Click to peruse Dr Purchase's [keynote address](#)»

Agbiz Parliamentary Report - July to Sept 2015



Find linked the [Agbiz Parliamentary report](#) for the period July to September 2015.

Agribusiness Intelligence

Is the SA economy now heading for a recession?

The outlook for the SA economy has remained in the headlines, whether it is for record lows for the rand, large-scale job retrenchments or negative economic growth 2Q2015. Is SA now heading for a recession? Three important economic events (1) the US Federal Reserve Board's decision on US interest rates on 17 September (2) the next meeting of the SA Reserve Bank's MPC meeting on 21 September and (3) the 'mini-Budget' to be introduced in Parliament on 21 October will influence the economic and business environment in SA. Professor Raymond Parsons of the NWU-PBS unpacks some of the implications for the SA. Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdUKzccGfms&feature=youtu.be>

Members' News

Wine industry honours cellar workers

Agribusiness contributes to National Development Plan through Enterprise Development

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Cape Town, South Africa

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Global forum for innovation in agriculture

1-2 December 2015
Durban Exhibition Centre, South Africa

Discover more at www.gfiafrica.com

The South African wine industry will honour its top cellar workers at an informative information day at the end of October. The wine industry organisations VinPro and Winetech fund the South African Cellar Worker Programme, a series of study groups attended by more than 300 Afrikaans and Xhosa speaking cellar workers throughout the Western Cape from April to September. The training included theory and practical tasting. [Media release»](#)

Industry News

Operation Phakisa Aquaculture Project Harvests Kob through Industry Partnership



A local aquaculture farm in Hamburg, Eastern Cape recently underwent its first harvest of approximately 260 dusky kob fish or kabeljou as it is commonly referred to. The Hamburg kob pilot project is driven by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and employs 21 people from the community. The farm, one of 24 aquaculture projects, forms part of Operation Phakisa: Ocean's Economy, an initiative of the South African government [Media release»](#)

Foot and mouth disease

DAFF has noted with concern reports of the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Zimbabwe. [Media release»](#)

News around the web

[Treasury's Jobs Fund aims for more agriculture sector jobs](#)

- www.bdlive.co.za

[SA's most valuable corporate brands](#)

- www.bdlive.co.za

[Officials blow Act out of the water](#)

- www.mg.co.za

[Eastern Cape Development Corporation throws its weight behind tcommercial canola oil production](#)

- www.bizcommunity.com

[Safcol calls for expedition of Komatiland land claim](#)

- www.bdlive.co.za

[It's time to ride the blue economy](#)

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Upcoming Events

Harvard Business School Agribusiness Seminar - Africa

27-30 September 2015 | Cape Town

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AMT Agri Outlook 2015

29 September 2015 | CSIR Convention Centre | Pretoria

[Information](#)

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Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA)

30 September - 2 October 2015 | Vredefort Dome | North West Province

Information: www.aeasa.org.za | Inquiries: AEASA2015@nwu.ac.za

Labour and Employment seminar invitation

1 October 2015 | Sandton

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International Renewable Energy Conference

4 - 7 October 2015 | Cape Town International Convention Centre | Cape Town

[More information](#)

Landbouweekblad Konferensie - Oplossings vir landbou

5 - 6 October 2015 | Bloemfontein

[More information](#)

Undercover Farming Conference - Western Cape 2015

13-14 October 2015 | Stellenbosch

[Enquiries](#)

AFMA Annual Symposium

14 October 2015 | CSIR Convention Centre | Pretoria

[Enquiries](#)

Poultry Buzz

21 - 22 October 2015 | Pretoria

[Enquiries](#)

Agri Cape Week

28 - 31 October 2015 | Worcester

[Enquiries](#)

SITEVI Show and Tour to Montpellier

23-27 November 2015 | Montpellier | South of France

Focus on Wine, fruit, vegetables, and visits to wine farms

Enquiries: Marianna du Plessis at e-mail: africa@farmlinkafrica.co.za

EMRC Africa Finance & Investment Forum - AFIF2015

24-26 November 2015 | Cape Town

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Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture

1 - 2 December 2015 | Durban

Enabling Africa to feed Africa

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