



## Newsletter

15 October 2015

### Policy and Legislation

#### Should SA farmers share their land? - CNBC Africa interview



South Africa is not only experiencing one of its worst droughts in its history - there is also lots of uncertainty over the ANC's land policy and what this could mean for food security. Dr John Purchase, Agbiz CEO separates the myths from the facts in an interview broadcasted this week on CNBC

Africa. [Click to listen»](#)

#### WineBiz desk launched

##### - Boosting government collaboration



In a step towards enhancing collaboration with government, the South African wine and brandy industry will launch the WineBiz desk, with a dedicated stakeholder manager, in November 2015.

The new strategic service will operate under the auspices of the industry organisations VinPro and Salba (SA Liquor Brandowners' Association), from the offices of Agbiz (Agricultural Business Chamber) in Pretoria. Its main focus will be strengthening relationships with various national government departments and related stakeholders on key issues such as water and land reform, transformation, trade facilitation and market access, while promoting the image of the South African wine and brandy industry. Michael Mokhorho has been appointed as stakeholder manager to establish the WineBiz desk. [Read more»](#)

#### Agbiz meets with French Embassy on Climate Change initiative

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With the all important United Nations Climate Change COP21 to take place in Paris, France from 30 November to 11 December 2015, the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-food and Forestry has launched the global [40/00 Initiative : Soils for Food Security and Climate](#). Building on solid, scientific documentation and concrete actions on the ground, this Initiative aims to show that food security and combating climate change are complementary, and ensures that agriculture provides solutions to climate change. This initiative consists of a voluntary action plan under the Lima Paris Agenda for Action, backed up by a strong and ambitious research programme. South African agriculture is already moving at pace in the direction of Conservation Agriculture, as well as Climate Smart Agriculture, backed up by solid research programmes and private sector initiatives. Read more on the [40/00 Initiative](#).

## Grain and oilseeds industry exhibits in Parliament in celebration of World Food Day



The South African grains and oilseeds industry is hosting an exhibition on 15 and 16 October 2015 in the Parliament in Cape Town to celebrate World Food Day, which is celebrated internationally each year on 16 October. General Manager of Agbiz Grain, Mariana Purnell, says: "The aim of the project is to create a lasting impression with Members of Parliament attending the exhibition, by explaining to them who the primary role players in the grain and oilseed industry value chain are." [Media release»](#)

## Agribusiness Intelligence

### IFAMA AFRICA Chapter 'start-up' session

Interested IFAMA members (and others) are invited to attend the "start-up" session of the IFAMA AFRICA Chapter on 27 - 28 October 2015 in Maputo. [Read more»](#)

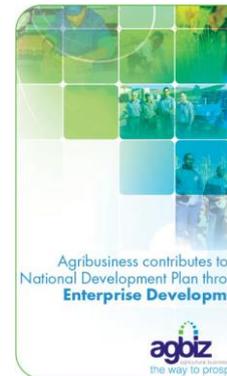
## International Trade Intelligence

### Southern African Development Community (SADC) Grain Trade

#### - What does the data say?



In 2014, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region's total commercial consumption of maize, wheat, and sorghum was 39 million tons (USDA, 2014) against regional production of 34 million tons. Overall, the SADC region is a net importer of the above-mentioned grains, and the region imports US\$868 million more than it exports to the world (ITC, 2015). Wheat and sorghum imports constituted a US\$1.2 billion and US\$4.6 million deficit, respectively, which is



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nonetheless, offset by a positive trade balance in maize which accounted for US\$376 million. In the [linked article](#), Tinashe Kapuya and Wandile Sihlobo explore the regional trade structure for these commodities.

## Industry News

[Follow the Agri SA Congress live on Twitter: #agrisa2015](#)

[A thriving future: exciting opportunities for SA's sub-tropical fruit and nut producers](#)

- [www.bizcommunity.com](http://www.bizcommunity.com)

[e-Newsletter of the National Emergent Meat Producers' Organisation \(NERPO\)](#)

## News around the web

[Poor land policy feeds insecurity](#)

- [www.bdlive.co.za](http://www.bdlive.co.za)

[South Africa close to agreeing final terms for US poultry imports](#)

- [www.cnbcfrance.com](http://www.cnbcfrance.com)

[World Food Day: WFP Hunger Map 2015](#)

- [www.wfp.org](http://www.wfp.org)

[Non-mining activities need to be promoted to mitigate impact of minerals downscaling](#)

- [www.mg.co.za](http://www.mg.co.za)

[The Debate About GMO Safety Is Over, Thanks To A New Trillion-Meal Study](#)

- [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com)

[Cities are South Africa's future](#)

- [www.cde.org.za](http://www.cde.org.za)

## Upcoming Events

### **GCCA South Africa Cold Chain Summit**

18 - 19 October 2015 | Cape Town

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### **Poultry Buzz**

21 - 22 October 2015 | Pretoria

[Registration form and programme](#)

### **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  
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**Agro Processing Africa Summit 2015**

26 - 27 November 2015 | Johannesburg

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**EMRC Africa Finance & Investment Forum - AFIF2015**

24 - 26 November 2015 | Cape Town

[More information](#)

**Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture**

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**IFAMA 26th Annual World Conference**

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