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GRAIN SA RECEIVES RECOGNITION

» At a gala event held in Johannesburg on Friday evening, Monsanto South Africa acknowledged the contributions made by individuals and teams towards the business during the past year. During the Award evening Monsanto SA also gave special recognition to Grain SA for their actions and contributions towards the agricultural industry.



Left to right: Gyanendra Shukla, Monsanto Africa Lead, Jannie and Retha de Villiers - CEO Grain SA and Pieter Smit, Marketing Lead Monsanto SA



Left to right: Gyanendra Shukla, Monsanto Africa Lead, Jane McPhearson, Grain SA Farmer Development programme and Pieter Smit, Marketing Lead Monsanto SA

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FALL ARMYWORM AND WHEAT

Marinda Visser, Manager: Grain Research & Policy Centre, Grain SA

» For more information on the Fall Armyworm and its impact on wheat, the following information document (from the Oklahoma State University) was circulated by the DAFF FAW Steering Committee. This handy guide discuss how to keep a close watch for Fall Armyworms in Seedling Wheat and covers Questions and Answers regarding Fall Armyworm in Wheat and Pasture.

Download the [document here](#)

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GRAIN SA CONGRESS 2018

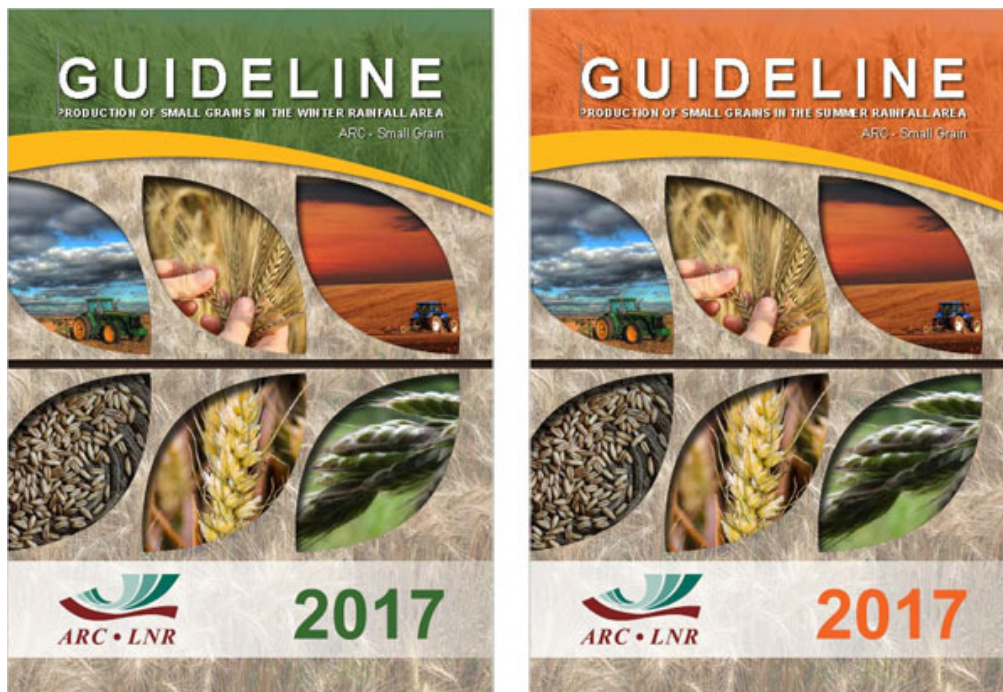
It is with great pleasure that we confirm our Congress dates for 2018, scheduled for Wednesday, 7 March & Thursday, 8 March 2018.

Furthermore, we wish to express our appreciation and thank each Grain SA member, stakeholder, and Agri-partner for being part of the Grain SA Congress on 8 & 9 March 2017, at Nampo Park.

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ARC SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION GUIDELINE 2017 NOW AVAILABLE

Elri Burger, PRO, ARC Small Grains, Bethlehem



The 2017 Guidelines for the production of small grains in the winter rainfall area will be available at the SKOG and Roodebloem's Pre-planting information days, following which producers can obtain the guidelines at from their nearest Kaap-Agri and Overberg-Agri branches. The guidelines for the summer rainfall area (including irrigation) will be distributed starting from the week of 20 March to, inter alia, VKB, GWK, OVK and Senwes branches nationwide. Producers can however, access the latest results from the website at www.arc.agric.za/arc-sgi. The guidelines will also be available from 20 March at the ARC-Small Grain in Bethlehem.

ARC-Small Grain publishes these compact manuals annually with the latest information and results in Afrikaans and English. These guides give producers clear guidelines which should form the basis of recommendations and production decisions. The recommendations include only those varieties from which at least two year's results are available and include the following information:

- Cultivars;
- The optimum planting time for each cultivar;
- The optimum planting density for the specific planting date. Plant density in kilograms per hectare is also influenced by the thousand grain weight and plant date;
- The recommendations apply only to grain production;
- The cultivars are not shown in order of yield potential.

In addition to the cultivar recommendations which are discussed in the manuals, results are also summarised by region. The guidelines provide a frame of reference within which more specific recommendations/choices should fall. In preparing its recommendations and summaries, the following factors are taken into account:

- Grain yield;
- Adaptability and yield stability;
- Acceptable grain quality;
- Disease resistance;
- Agronomic characteristics such as lodging, grain firmness, etc.

ARC-Small Grain researchers place emphasis on the fact that small grain producers should always have access to the latest independent wheat information. This year, a brand new chapter on weed control, the latest insects that threaten producers' harvests and information on ARC-Small Grain's new Aleel-profile service for herbicide resistance, are also included.

The guidelines are reviewed annually and adjusted for the following season. The value of this information is that the performance of individual cultivars in specific years and over the medium-term, can be compared. The large variation in climate conditions, and the unpredictability necessitates cultivar choices to reduce the risk. If this information are viewed in conjunction with other cultivar characteristics, informed decisions can be made based on the best package of cultivars.

This service provided to producers by ARC Small Grain are invaluable, as every producer can create a production plan, based on his unique circumstances and using the Production Guide. Besides cultivar choice, topics such as general wheat management, crop rotation guidelines, tillage, plant nutrition, soil acidity and weed-, pest- and disease control, are discussed. By using this production guidelines sensibly, producers can utilise his resources optimally to produce profitably and sustainably.

The manuals are also available electronically on CD. Should you prefer to use the guideline electronically, feel free to contact the ARC. Should you wish to receive the guideline by mail, please contact Eveline Mofokeng on (058) 307 3400. The manuals will also be obtainable from the ARC-Small Grain exhibitor during the NAMPO Harvest Day from 16-19 May 2017 in the Microbial Solution Hall.

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"Doubt whom you will, but never yourself."

~ Christian Nestell Bovee

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