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Here are the dates for the upcoming regional meetings

Susan Engelbrecht (Communication and Media Liaison, Grain SA)

»Please take note of the following dates during August and September when regional meetings will take place:

REGION	DATE	VENUE	CONTACT PERSON	CELL NUMBER
20	13 August	Bultfontein Church Hall	Anton Botha	083 274 1924
14	15 August	Piet Retief	Ralf Kussel	082 944 0720
3	19 August	Geelhuis, Wolmaransstad	Hansie Viljoen	082 807 2557
15	21 August	Frankfort (preliminary)	Willie Linde	082 493 5277
21	10 September	Hoopstad South Agriculture	Chris Schoonwinkel	082 492 7308

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NERPO Conference - information for subsistence and emerging farmers

Susan Engelbrecht (Communication and Media Liaison, Grain SA) and Wandile Sihlobo (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)

»The second annual conference of the National Emerging Red Meat Producers' Organisation (NERPO) in Mpumalanga took place in Middelburg, Mpumalanga, on 23 and 24 July 2013.

Grain SA never had a presence at any of the NERPO Conferences, but this year, during the Wednesday that delegates from Grain SA visited the conference and shared information about Grain SA, it became clear that the need for information about what Grain SA does is essential.



Part of the strategic focus of Grain SA is to change negative conceptions regarding the organisation and the only way we are going to do that, is if we share information about our organisation, and especially the fact that we are not only an organisation for the white, commercial farmer. There is a need for information regarding Grain SA's contribution to the empowerment of emerging farmers.

The delegates were very surprised to hear about Grain SA's Grain Farmer Development Programme and the opportunities accompanying it. We need to share knowledge to ensure that the correct information about organised agriculture is conveyed efficiently to all stakeholders.

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Maize harvesting is coming to an end

Petru Fourie (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)

»The harvesting process across the whole of the summer production area is coming to a close and the latest information shows that producers in Mpumalanga has finished harvesting approximately 98% on an average basis. Average yields were generally achieved in this province.

In the Eastern Free State the harvesting process is 90% finished. Average to above average yields is achieved in the Harrismith/Fouriesburg/Vrede/Reitz and Bethlehem region; therefore yields are better than expected. The rest of the Eastern Free State has average to below average yields.

In the North West Free State producers are 80% finished with maize harvesting. There are indications that producers in large areas of the North West Free State are harvesting less than expected and therefore a below average yield for these areas are expected. Charcoal rot occurred in some areas and placed yields under further stress.

In the North West Province the yields are generally not good. In the southern parts of the North West Province, producers have finished 85% of harvesting and the collection tempo has started to decrease. Below average yields are generally expected and ground profiles are very dry. In the northern parts of the North West Province approximately 85% of harvesting is finished and there are not many fields left to be harvested. Delivery is starting to level off and producers are harvesting even worse than expected and below average yields are predicted. Grading problems are occurring due to shrunken seed and ground profiles being very dry.

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Fuel prices for August 2013

Petru Fourie (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)

»According to the most recent information from the Central Energy Fund, the petrol price can INCREASE on 7 August 2013 with 30 cents per litre and the diesel price with 27 cents per litre.

This expected increase is mainly due to the oil price increasing to date from an average of \$103,25 per barrel in June, to an average of \$107,25 per barrel in July. The rand strengthened during the same period with 1,03%, which dampened even bigger expected fuel price increases.

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