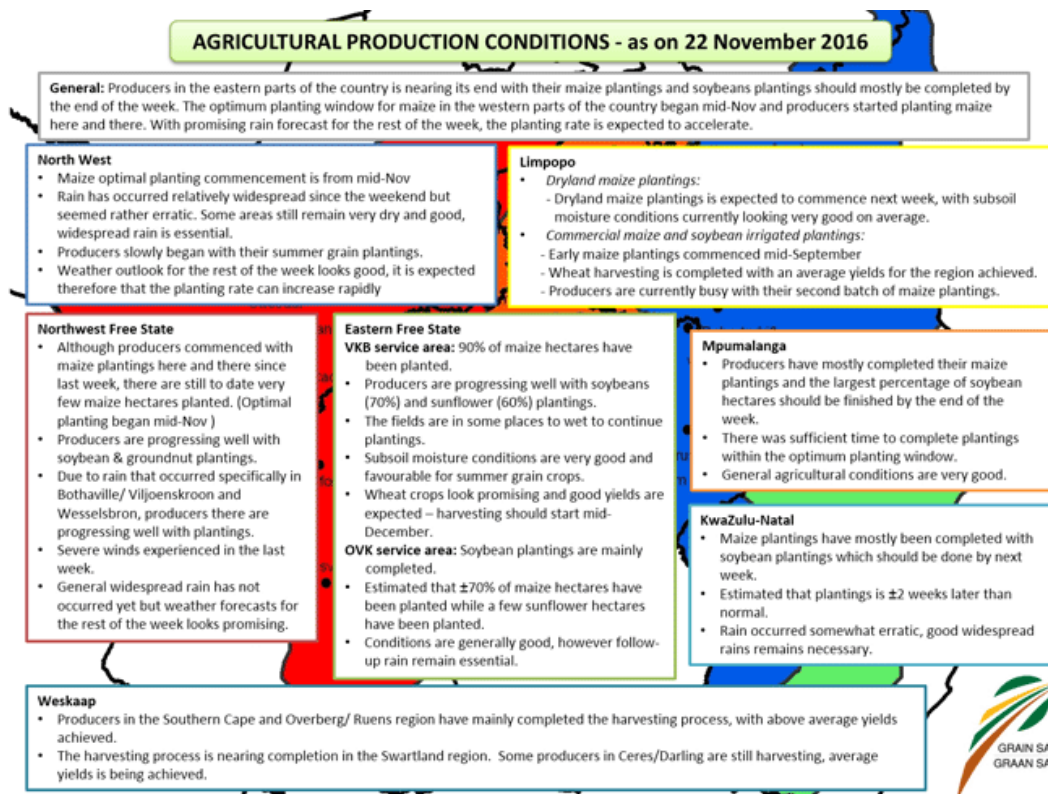


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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

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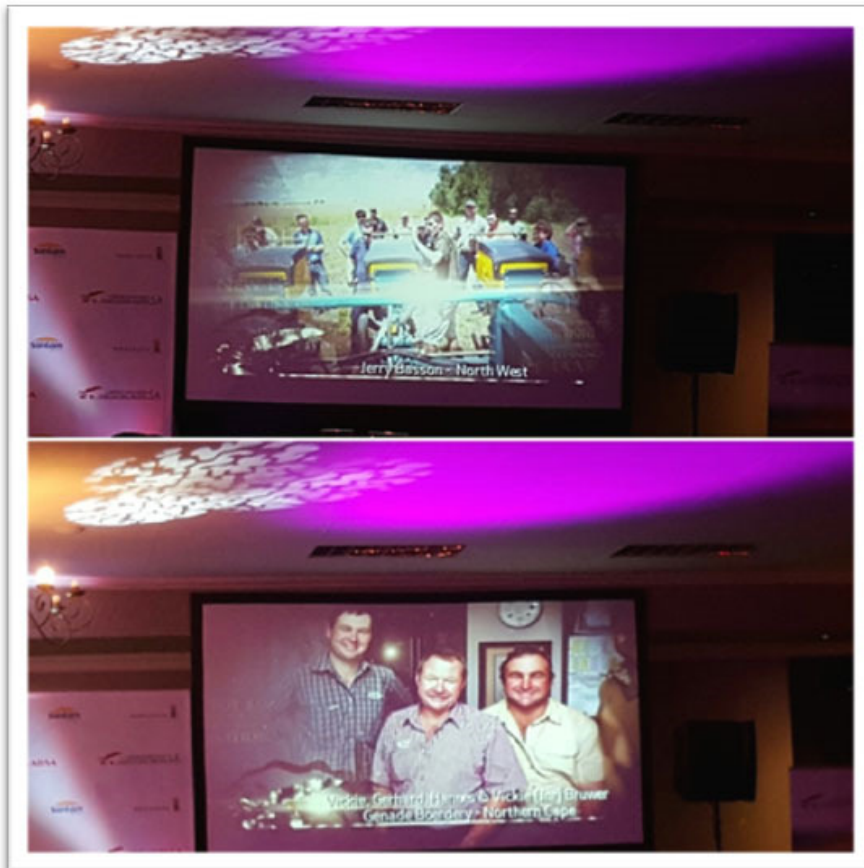
» Grain SA was well represented at this year's Agricultural Writers SA's national awards for the Farmer of the Year, New Entrant into Commercial Agriculture and Agriculturalist of the Year for 2016.

Jannie de Villiers was announced as the Gauteng Agriculturist of the Year, together with fellow finalists Dr Gerhard Verdoorn (Eastern Cape), Dr Mias van der Westhuizen (Free State), Barry Christie (Mpumalanga), Hannes Hattingh (Northern Cape), Prof Flippie Cloete (North West), and Andre Roux (Western Cape). Dr Theo de Jager from Limpopo was ultimately awarded the Agriculturist of the Year accolade.



Jannie de Villiers receiving his nomination

Grain SA members Vickie Bruwer from Genade Boerdery represented the Northern Cape Farmer of the Year category, and Jerry Basson, a no-till grain producer from Delareyville the North West Farmer of the Year. Allesbeste Boerdery (Dr André, Liezel, Edrean and Zander Ernst) walked away with the honour of National Farmer of the Year for 2016.



Jerry Basson (top) and the Bruwer's of Genade Boerdery (bottom) during their respective video presentations

Grain SA New Era Commercial Farmer, Simon Teffo was the Northern Region's New Entrant into Commercial Agriculture together with Phirdy Motala from the Western Cape region, and the ultimate winner, Eric Ntuba from the Central Region.



Simon Teffo in his video presentation

Grain SA's Dr Hendrik Smith, conservation agriculturists received runner-up in the Monsanto-Agriculturist Writers SA Technical Article competition for his two-part piece *Omgekrapte weerpatrone en verwoestende stofstorms: Die oplossing lê reg onder ons voetsole (Deel 1 en Deel 2)* which was published in the March 2016 and April 2016 editions of SA *Graan/Grain*.



Pieter Smit from Monsanto presenting Dr Hendrik Smith with his award

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SUMMER GRAIN CULTIVAR EVALUATION RESULTS: 2015/16 PRODUCTION SEASON

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» The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) announced the results of the latest summer grains cultivar evaluation trails. The objective of the information is to evaluate the potential of cultivars in different environmental conditions, to finally determine which cultivars are the best adapted in a specific production regions.

Click on the link to view the document:

Maize (West): http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Weste-verslag-2016-10-Nov.pdf

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You will get the harvest...

"I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness,
And you will harvest a crop of love.
Plow up the hard ground of your hearts,
For now is the time to see the Lord,
That he may come
And shower righteousness upon you.'

~ Hosea 10:12

Every time you do something good to someone else, you will reap the benefit sooner or later. Even if it feels like months or years, you will be rewarded. Trust in God's timing.

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