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## **Export promotion is top priority for Grain SA**

***Wandile Sihlobo (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA) and Funzani Sundani (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)***

»As part of the export promotion, some countries such as Taiwan, Japan and China (China State Administration of Grain) have recently shown great interest in South African grains and oilseeds. Grain SA has recently received visits from these respective countries. One of the main aspects that attracted these countries is the quality of the South African grains and oilseeds. However, the visits were mainly focused on yellow maize.

The Grain SA export promotion is mainly focused on creating permanent markets for South African grains and oilseeds. All these visits have shown a positive outcome, hence there have been significant maize exports to Japan and Taiwan during the past three weeks. Japan has recently imported about 114 234 tons of South African yellow maize, of which 22 427 tons were exported to them on Tuesday this week. Taiwan has also imported about 49 234 tons of South African yellow maize during the past three weeks. There is still the positive prospect that there will be more exports going to these countries (Taiwan and Japan) as their domestic consumption continues to increase.

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), which consists of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, has also shown interest in South African grains and oilseeds. More interest from Bangladesh exists specifically for South African soybeans. This also shows a positive prospect for South African grains and oilseeds exports.

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## **Read SA Graan/Grain for everything on the coming Grain SA NAMPO Harvest Day**

***Estie de Villiers (assistant editor: SA Graan/Grain)***

»You should indeed be on the lookout for the April SA Graan/Grain which is currently in the mail. This year we are again publishing a separate NAMPO Harvest Day edition with the magazine.

This special Grain SA NAMPO Harvest Day edition should provide you with a good overview of what you can expect at this year's NAMPO and what the exhibitors are planning for their stands and stalls. We also spoke to a variety of people to hear from them why they visit the Harvest Day - be sure to read what they consider to be ten reasons why you should come to NAMPO.

One thing is certain: It is the one event that a producer shouldn't dare to miss out on. Come and ascertain yourself of the latest trends and measure your agricultural practices to make sure that you don't fall behind.

In the main magazine (with a Landini tractor on the front page) you can read about maize ear rot that is of importance for the 2013 season; the latest developments surrounding the Russian wheat aphid in South Africa; and you can also read more about lamb diseases: Do not let it weaken your agricultural enterprise. A complete retrospect of the Grain SA Congress is also given in this edition.

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## **Fuel prices for May 2013**

***Petru Fourie (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)***

»According to the most recent information from the Central Energy Fund, the petrol price can **DECREASE** on 1 May 2013 with 65 cents per litre and the diesel price with 49 cents per litre.

This expected decline is mainly due to the price of oil declining from an average of \$109,40 per barrel in March, to an average of \$103,91 per barrel to date in April. During the same period, the rand strengthened with 0,7%, which brought about even bigger expected decrease in fuel prices.

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