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Christmas joy comes early for foster children

Susan Engelbrecht (Communication and Media Liaison, Grain SA)

»Christmas has paid a welcome early visit to 89 foster children of the Free State Care in Action (FSCIA). On Thursday, 28 November this year, with the help of Grain SA, children between the ages of six to twelve years were able to experience a fun day on water worms and jumping castles and with tasty treats as well.

The older children between the ages of 13 and 18 years are having their turn to be entertained for the day today, Friday, 29 November. All these activities were held at NAMPO Park with the permission of Grain SA.

Hannetjie Maré of the FSCIA says that it is only with the help and donations of organisations like Grain SA that they can host such an event for the children. Grain SA did not only make the venue available, they also donated cool drinks, sweets and a cap for each of the children as well as coffee and tea for the guardians of each of the groups.

Free State Care in Action provides welfare services to 468 needy children of all ages in Bothaville, Kgotsong and surrounding farms. Although all the children could not attend the function at NAMPO Park, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were there...For a day they had the chance to forget that the world is a hard and difficult place to live in.

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How is the winter crop harvesting process progressing in the Cape?

Petru Fourie (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)

»Producers in the Swartland area are mostly finished harvesting, with the harvesting process probably being completed by the end of the week.

Good yields were generally achieved, although wheat grading problems were experienced. Producers in the Swartland did not have rain damage on their crops, as was experienced in other parts of the Cape Province.

The area from Bredasdorp to Mossel Bay was completely harvested before the big rains occurred. Here an average of 100 mm to 180 mm of rain was recorded. Good wheat yields and grades were achieved. Canola yields were exceptional.

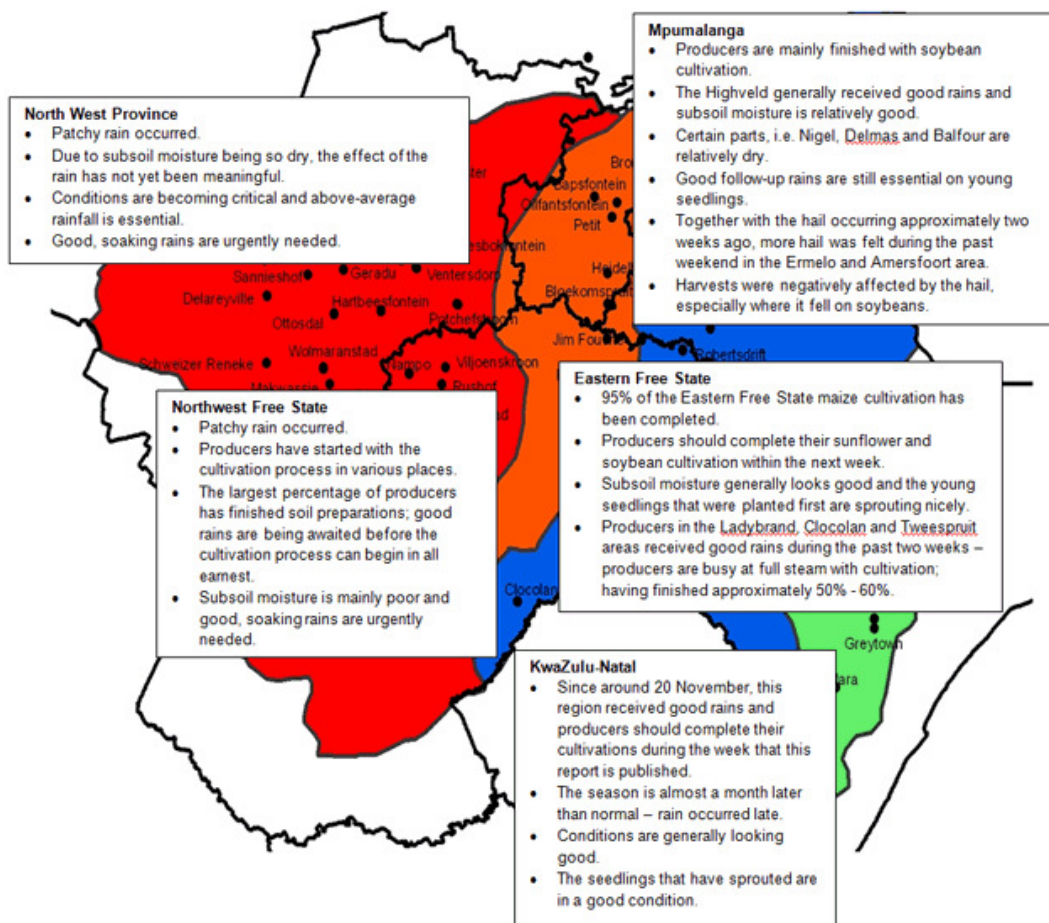
The biggest problems with the harvesting process were experienced in the Caledon, Krige, Rietpoel and Klipdale areas. A lot of rain fell here while producers were in the initial stages of their wheat harvesting process. This meant that producers were only able to enter their fields again during the previous week and a decline in the grade was noted, mainly due to falling numbers and pre-harvest sprouting. Up until the date of this article approximately 50% of the wheat harvest was completed.

A big percentage of the canola and barley harvest was finished before the rains and the negative impact of the rain on the remaining areas that still needs to be harvested, is not yet known.

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Agricultural conditions as on 25 November 2013

Petru Fourie (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)



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Fuel price expectations for December 2013

Wandile Sihlobo (economist: Industry Services, Grain SA)

»According to the Central Energy Fund's fuel update report on **27 November 2013**, the petrol price is expected to **INCREASE** on 4 December 2013 by 8 cents per litre and at the same time the diesel price is expected to **INCREASE** by 5 cents per litre.

Domestic fuel prices are mainly influenced by international price movements as well as exchange rate movements. Currently, the weakening of the exchange rate is still the most dominating factor; contributing to the under recovery of domestic fuel prices; 20 cents per litre to the expected petrol price and 22 cents per litre to the expected diesel price.

The rand continues to trade at low levels after disappointing third quarter GDP figures, currently (at 09:19 on 27 November 2013) trading at around R10,1518 to the dollar. South Africa's third quarter GDP growth eased to 0,7%, from an upward revised 3,2% in the second quarter. The main reason for the lower growth in the third quarter was a 6,6% contraction in the manufacturing sector which was caused by widespread strikes in the motor industry.

On the oil markets, reports show that the key deal that was reached recently between Iran and world powers (US, Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany) over Iran's controversial nuclear programme should not have an immediate impact on oil prices. Furthermore, it might take Iran three to nine months to recover the 1 million barrels a day in production.

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