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EDITOR'S LETTER



Even as the world begins to re-open more permanently, it's clear that the pandemic will have a lasting impact on the way we distribute and consume marketing related information. The good news is that 2020 provided us a wealth of evidence of what did and didn't work,

how brand messaging has shifted and how consumer behaviours accelerated. With tried-and-true recipes to success and new strategies in place, we proudly bring you the August | September 2021 edition of the AGRIFOODSA Magazine.

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Also, be sure to head on over to our AFSA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/agrifoodsa) for more competitions, funnies, Advertiser Showcases and recipes, as well as helpful and informative articles uploaded on the daily.

Lastly, be on the lookout for our bi-monthly AGRIFOODSA Newsletter, featuring our digital magazine, informative articles, exciting competitions and more. To sign up to our newsletter, contact info@agrifoodsa.info.

Three lessons that the past 18 months have taught us is to be flexible, maintain a consistent presence on all media platforms and to reach people where they are. Thank you to our advertisers and readers alike for sticking with us in these trying times.

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"Daar is 'n siening onder mielieprodusente dat goedkoper saad nie so goed presteer as 'n duurder produk nie. United Seeds se US9614 geelmielie saad is goedkoop, maar het die beskouing verkeerd bewys," sê Gerrie Meyer.

Hy boer vir die afgelope 20 jaar in die Oos-Vrystaat tussen Bethlehem en Petrus Steyn met beeste en skape asook met saaigewasse (50% mielies en 50% sojabone).

Meyer het verlede jaar 20% van sy mielielande met US9614 aangeplant. "Ek het die saad op my minder goeie lande geplant en nie juis verwag dat dit sou presteer nie. Ek was egter aangenaam verras."

US9614 het 'n sterk wortelstelsel en word aanbeveel vir aanplanting tydens droogtes. Meyer het verlede seisoen egter 'n nat jaar beleef en getuig dat US9614 steeds goed presteer het nieteenstaande nie-optimale groeitoestande.

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Spruitvorming: Bogemiddelde reën dra by tot die produksie van oormatige spruite. US9614 het geen addisionele spruite gevorm nie.

Bestuiwingsperiode: US9614 het goed presteer alhoewel die groeijaar verkort is met minder beskikbare dae vir bestuiwing na baie reën in Januarie en Februarie.

Meerkoppigheid: Meyer het twee koppe per plant geoes.

Staanvermoë: US9614 het goeie staanvermoë en nie omgeval as gevolg van al die reën nie.

Siekteverdraagsaamheid: Noordelike mielieblaarskroei (NMBS) rig skade aan die mielieblare en veroorsaak opbrengsverliese indien dit nie met voorkomende chemiese bespuitings bestuur word nie. US9614 is gehard teenoor NMBS en Meyer het geen bespuitings toegedien nie.

"US9614 staan nie terug vir enige kultivar van mededingers nie. Ek gaan beslis 'n groter aantal hektaar daarvan volgende seisoen plant," sê Meyer.



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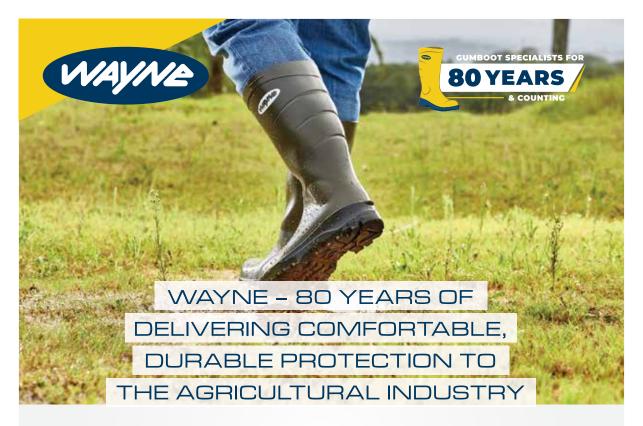


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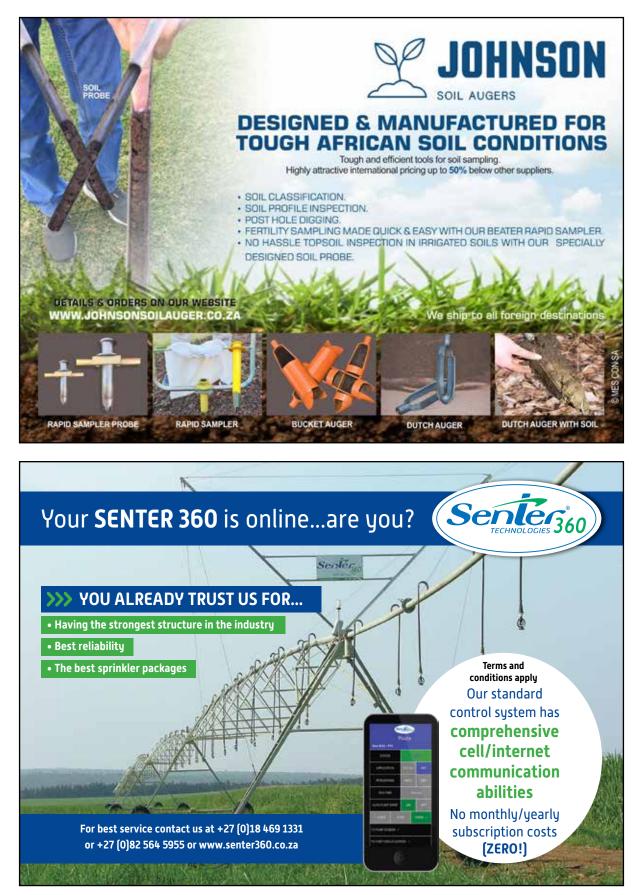


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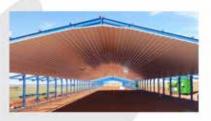






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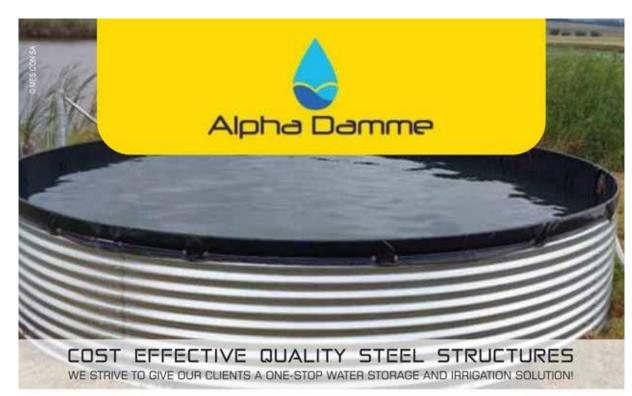
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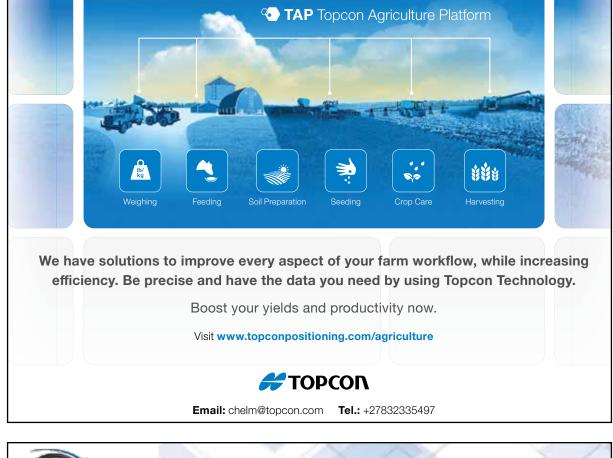
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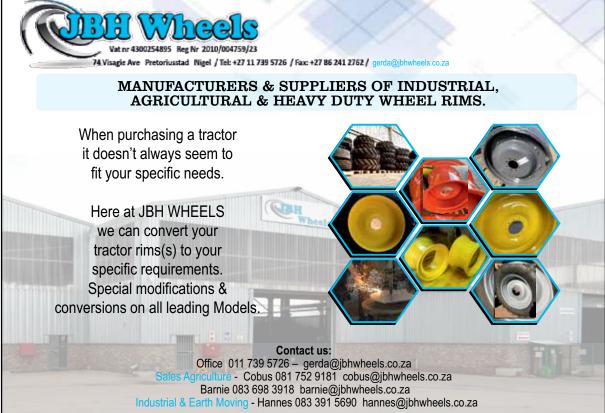
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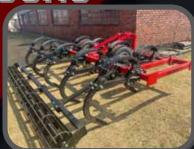


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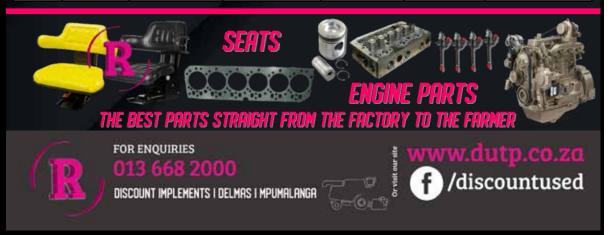
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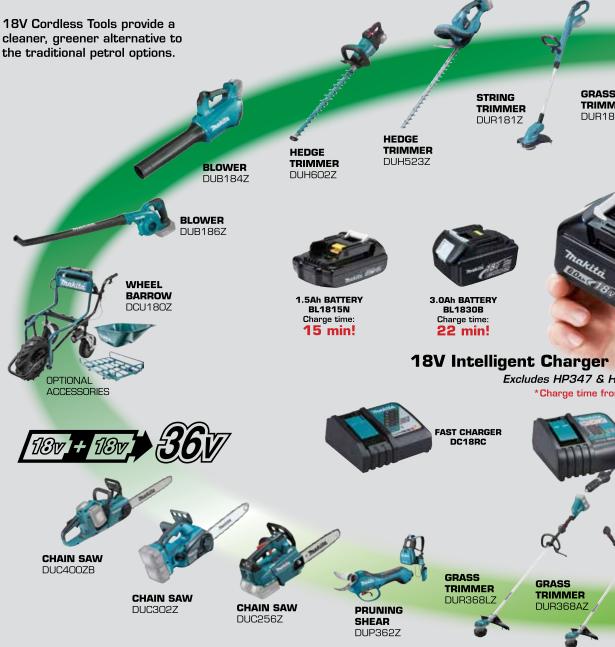
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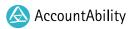
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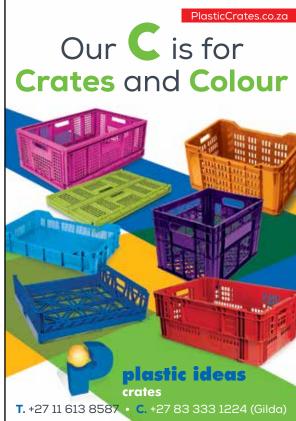
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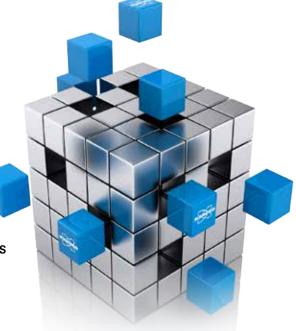


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