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# CARE & GROW

## Agrimark Darling to the Rescue

**Agrimark is very passionate about helping farmers – big and small – to run healthy operations.**

After learning that several animals on a nearby farm contracted a serious and contagious disease, Agrimark Darling donated animal health products worth almost R6,000. The products were used to treat 138 sheep and 104 goats that were suffering from a condition called sheep scab.

Marius Vrey, Animal Health Technician from the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, approached Agrimark Darling for help after he identified the prevalence of the disease on a farm in the area.

According to veterinary journals, sheep scab is a contagious disease caused by mites. Infected



sheep develop lesions on the skin which cause damage to their wool and hide. If left untreated they can suffer extreme weight loss and secondary bacterial infections. Sheep scab also affects goats and the disease can cause severe pain and discomfort.



"When we heard about the problem that some of the farmers in our community were experiencing, we immediately stepped in and agreed to donate the treatment," explained branch manager Aldrin Soudien. Agrimark Darling stocks Pro-Dip Cyp which is a dip treatment that can be used against sheep scab. "The farm animals received three dips in total, and fortunately it was effective in curing them and in preventing transmission to neighbouring farms," confirmed Aldrin.

One of the farmers whose animals were treated, said the donation was lifesaving. "This was the first time our animals contracted this type of disease. When we saw the sheep's hair falling out, we weren't sure what to do. We are so grateful to Agrimark for donating the dip. Our animals are healthy and doing much better now," said Samuel Kumalo, who has been farming with sheep for the past 15 years.



Agrimark Darling branch manager, Aldrin Soudien (far right), hands over the dip treatment to Animal Health Technician, Marius Vrey, who administered the treatment with one of the farmers, Catherine Kumalo looking on.

For Don Vaphi, who has been farming in the region for 10 years, the donation brought emotional relief. "We love our animals and we don't like to see them suffer. We don't know what would have happened if we didn't receive the medicine. Thanks to Agrimark and Marius's intervention, our animals are alive and well."

# Porterville-gemeenskap ontvang weer stewige geldinspuiting danksy Saaiprojek

**Die Saaiprojek van Porterville se Gemeenskapsvereniging het 'n netto inkomste van R200 000 vir die 2020/21 produksieseisoen gegenereer. Dit bring die totale bedrag wat sedert die ontstaan van die projek aan begunstigdes uitbetaal is, op 'n stewige R1,6 miljoen te staan.**

As 'n stigterslid van die vereniging, speel Kaap Agri 'n vername rol om die volhoubaarheid van die projek te verseker. Die fondse is onlangs by 'n geleentheid wat by Kaap Agri se kantore op Porterville gehou is, aan die vereniging oorhandig. Die Porterville-gemeenskapsvereniging is 'n liefdadigheidsorganisasie wat in 2003 gestig is met die doel om alle winste wat genereer word, onder behoeftiges in die gemeenskap te verdeel.

Die saaiprojek is in 2004 op die been gebring en behels die verbouing van graan op meentgrond van 22 hektaar wat gratis deur die Bergrivier-munisipaliteit beskikbaar gestel word. In 2020 is 'n ooreenkoms met die Munisipaliteit gesluit om die grond vir 'n verdere 9 jaar en 11 maande vir die projek te gebruik.

Johan de Lange, Kaap Agri se afdelingshoof vir dienste en verhoudings, wat reeds jare by die initiatief betrokke is, sê die volhoubaarheid van die projek is van groot belang vir die maatskappy. "Kaap Agri se bestaansrede beteken dat alle belanghebbers beter daaraan toe moet wees omdat ons bestaan en dit verg 'n langtermyn-





*Stigterslede en begunstigdes van die saaprojek, van links: Alec Amerika (Badisa), Cedric Zincke (Porterville Primér), Cobie Liebenberg (stigterslid), Pieter du Plessis (stigterslid), Lynette Peterson (Huis Nerina) en Marietjie Potgieter (Hoëskool Porterville).*

benadering tot gemeenskapsontwikkelingsprojekte en 'n fokus op die bou van verhoudings," verduidelik hy.

"Danksy Kaap Agri se sterk graandienste-afdeling kon ons heelwat kundigheid deel en ook help met die koördinering en administrasie van die projek. Dis veral lekker om te sien hoe die saaprojek gegroei het en nou jaarliks 'n stewige geldinspuiting aan behoeftige gemeenskappe op die dorp kan voorsien."

Gedurende 2020, met die aanvang van die grendeltyd, het die projek ook R60 000 geskenk om voedselhulp in die gemeenskap te verleen.

Ten einde 'n groter deel van die inkomste uit die verkoop van die graan aan die begunstigdes beskikbaar te stel, sit 'n verskeidenheid van verskaffers hand by om insette (saad, kunsmis, chemie, ens.) en dienste (krediet, boekhouding, kontrakwerk, ens.) ten volle of gedeeltelik te borg.

Die inkomste wat deur die saaprojek gegener word, gaan aan Porterville Primér, Hoëskool Porterville, Huis Nerina en die Badisa Christelike Welsynsorganisasie op die dorp. Die afgelope jaar het die begunstigdes die wins van R200 000 gedeel.

Cedric Zincke, skoolhoof van Porterville Primér, sê hulle beplan om die geld ten bate van die skool se orkes te gebruik. "Ons het beplan om in 2020 'n skoolorkes te begin, maar as gevolg van die COVID-19-pandemie het dit nie gerealiseer nie. Ons hoop dat die orkes in 2021 op die been gebring sal word. Ons innige dank en waardering aan alle belanghebbendes van dié projek. Dit word hoog op prys gestel."

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Alec Amerika, van Badisa, sê dié saaprojek is 'n groot hulp vir die gemeenskap, veral tydens die COVID-19-pandemie en -inperking.

"Groot nood het as gevolg van die pandemie in die gemeenskap ontstaan. Baie mense het nie hulle salarisse ontvang nie en sommige het hulle werk verloor. Danksy die skenking wat ons ontvang het, kon ons baie families in hierdie tyd van nood help. Dit sou nie moontlik gewees het sonder die ondersteuning van die saaprojek nie."



# **“My Kaap Agri bursary gives me the opportunity to live up to my potential”**

**At Kaap Agri, we believe that education is one of the most powerful tools to break the cycle of poverty and that is why we are proud of our R1,4 million investment in education initiatives over the past year.**

By means of the Kaap Agri bursary programme we work to secure successful futures for young people living in the communities in which we operate.

Wilbur Jasson, a 20-year-old LLB Law student from Malmesbury, is grateful for the opportunity to pursue his dreams and acknowledges that it would not have been possible without the assistance of Kaap Agri.

“I can clearly recall the day I received the news that Kaap Agri awarded me a bursary. It was an emotional moment. My family and I were overjoyed. Although it was tears of joy, it was the first time I saw my father cry,” Wilbur said.

The bursary programme considers learners from various underprivileged communities who show academic promise, but don’t have the necessary funds to pay for their education.

As one of Swartland High School’s top achievers, Kaap Agri first awarded Wilbur a bursary during his high school career. Following his commitment and dedication, it was decided to extend his bursary to cover his tertiary education.

“I knew I had the potential to make a success



of my life, but my family simply didn’t have the financial resources. When Kaap Agri awarded me the bursary, it gave me the opportunity to live up to that potential and for that I’m forever grateful,” he explained.

In 2020 Wilbur set off to start his tertiary studies at the University of Stellenbosch. Although the year didn’t quite go as he had planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wilbur remained very focused and continued to achieve excellent results – attaining five distinctions in his first year of study.

Wilbur attributes his success to his family and his support structure.

“Ultimately, the hope of a better future is what fuels my drive for success. With all the opportunities given to me, I cannot let it slip through my fingers. Kaap Agri provided the funding, I have my family and I have God backing me. All I have to do, is to put in the work,” he added.

“I’ve learnt that people can rob you of many things in life, but they can never steal your education. The mind is the most powerful



weapon and if we as youngsters choose to put in the hard work, the world can be your oyster," he continued.

Tasneem Sulaiman-Bray, Director of Corporate Affairs, said Kaap Agri is proud of their commitment to improving the lives of the youth by means of education.

"Wilbur has shown great determination and his

results speak for themselves. We wish him and all the other bursary holders well as they continue their academic journey. Whilst the pandemic has brought about much disruption, it has also been a catalyst for reflection and positive change. We have seen our learners adapt and embrace these challenges with resilience and fortitude. We believe in them and we are certain that they will make a success of the opportunities they have been given."

# Kaap Agri Skenk Meer as R40 000 vir Droogtehulp

**Groot dele van die Noord-Kaap beleef tans die ergste droogte in dekades. Produsente in die omgewing is erg deur die droogte getref en baie families (en diere) trek nog steeds swaar as gevolg van hierdie omstandighede.**

Om hand by te sit het Kaap Agri onlangs 'n droogtehulpskenking van meer as R40 000 aan die Brandvlei-boerevereniging gemaak.

"Na aanleiding van die voortslepende droogte in die omgewing en die negatiewe impak daarvan op mens en dier, het ons besluit om iets aan die gemeenskap terug te gee," het Johan Bruwer, Agrimark Brandvlei se bestuurder, gesê.

"Hierdie is 'n geringe gebaar om 'n bietjie verligting te bied aan die gemeenskap wat ons so getrou ondersteun."

Verskeie afdelings van Kaap Agri het met Agrimark Brandvlei saamgespan om die skenking aan die Boerevereniging te maak. Kaap Agri Korporatief, Agrimark Brandvlei en die Noord-Kaapse Streekskantoor het die volgende skenkings aan Brandvlei se gemeenskapsboere gemaak:



**820 lusernbale ter waarde van R23 000.**

**Agrimark-geskenkbewyse ter waarde van R15 000, wat vir die aankoop van voedsel en brandstof aangewend kan word.**

**Brandstof ter waarde van R4 800 vir die vervoer van die lusern.**

"Baie dankie aan alle partye wat by hierdie skenking betrokke was en dit moontlik gemaak het. Ons gemeenskap waardeer dit en ons is seker dat dit 'n groot verskil sal maak," het Johan gesê.



# Markdag Met 'n Goeie Doel

Agrimark Upington het onlangs 'n markdag gehou waar hulle heerlike eetgoed verkoop het en die winste gebruik het om 'n plaaslike welsynsorganisasie te help.

Die tak het besluit om benodigdhede soos kruideniersware en skoonmaakmiddels vir die plaaslike kinderhuis te koop. "Jogébed-kinderhuis trek swaar en het dit wat hulle gehad het, reeds gebruik om ander te help. Dit was 'n



gulde geleentheid om ons CARE-waardes uit te leef. Hulle lê ná aan baie van die gemeenskap se harte," het Hein Swart, takbestuurder, gesê.



Thanks to Agrimark Stellenbosch, 20 families enjoyed a hearty, nutritious meal.

The branch donated frozen chicken to the Gordon's Bay Neighbourhood Watch.

Anne Fouche, member of the neighbourhood watch, said the donation was used to help families in desperate need. "We are so grateful for any donation, no matter how big or small. As part of our community outreach, we distribute food parcels to disadvantaged people in the community. Some of the people have not eaten meat for months and were so overjoyed when they received the food parcel. Thank you Agrimark for making it possible."

"We realise that there are many families who are hungry and in need of a warm meal. This is just a small way of giving back and making a difference," branch manager Steven Cronje added.



## We Want to Hear from You

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