



# SONOP NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

The Sonop management team is very excited about the vegetable season that is in full swing now, the production and packhouse teams are busy picking and packing tomatoes for the markets and retailers. Our packhouse is working closely with **Naturesmart** to pack our beautiful, fresh tomatoes to all the different customers, standards. We are proud and thankful for every truckload that is send from our Packhouse

**Thank you Packhouse team for your dedication!!**



## SUSTAINABLE FARMING

At Sonop Farms we always strive to follow sustainable farming practises. At the end of May our Wood Chipper was delivered.

We started chipping the old grape vines and the woodchips are used in the newly established young vines. This will enhance the soil condition which lead to an improved microbial life in the soil for the young vines. The end result is less harsh chemicals and a more environmentally friendly approach for sustainable farming practices.

**To protect our biggest resource for future generations.**



BIRTHDAYS - JUNE	
LINDA CALITZ	22 JUNE
HANNES VAN DEN HEEVER	25 JUNE

*A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD's, and all it contains.*



## PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

We are very excited to announce an excellent tomato season with the crops looking very promising. Harvesting is a full and continuous operation and both the packhouse and the field teams are very busy. Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone for making this such an excellent season, this could not be possible without good teamwork and dedication. Thanks to the Sonop team who have completed planting the fourth batch of tomato seedlings covering an area of 20 ha in Nethouse 3 and 4, expecting to harvest the beginning of October.

The harvesting of the butternuts is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June and will be packed at the newly covered shade net area at the Uhanbis Packshed. The harvest looks promising and the prospects is to harvest until the end of October. The Makalane Grapes production team are preparing for the pruning period scheduled to start early July.

May everyone's hard work and preparation be met with a successful 2020 season.



### Get to know...NESTER TWAITAVELA

**Name & Surname:** :Nester Twaitavela **Place of birth:** Omusati Region

**Favourite colour:** Green **Favourite food:** Porridge & meat

**When did you start working at Sonop:** 15.02.2007

**What's your position at Sonop:** Head of Security

**Your favourite Sonop produce:** Butternut

**Who's your role model in the Sonop team:** Albert v d Merwe

**Your wish for Sonop Farms:** To grow bigger than today and provide job opportunities for future generations.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### BUTTERNUT SOUP

#### Ingredients:

- 2 x Onions (Chopped) and sauté in 45ml butter.
- 1x Med. size Butternut (Chopped and oven-baked),
- 1 x Orange—Juice and grated Peel
- 1 x Apple (grated)
- 45ml Cake Flour
- 5ml Curry Powder
- 750ml Chicken Stock
- 375ml Milk
- Pinch of Nutmeg
- 250ml Cream
- Salt and Pepper



Put all ingredients (except the cream) into a pot and simmer until cooked. Liquidize the soup and add half the cream, Use the leftover cream as decoration in you bowl.



Congratulations to  
**THOMAS TUYEKUMWE NDIHOLE.**  
Team leader. Thank you for your hard work. We are very proud of you.

