



NEWS @ SONOP

We are welcoming the warmer days and winter is coming to an end. The winter months always has its own challenges with keeping up the good quality and production of our product. Luckily, the winter is almost over and the Sonop team managed to keep our customers satisfied with the best quality Sonop produce. We are looking forward to spring and the new life and beginnings that spring symbolizes.



Ramansdrift was blessed with a good butternut season although there were some challenges with the transport from Ramansdrift to Noordoewer. With careful planning and the necessary caution, this challenge was overcome. The Ramansdrift butternuts were packed and the harvest ended in week 29. The teams on Ramansdrift are still going strong harvesting tomatoes. At the same time, the soil is being prepared for the summer tomato and onion plantings. The lucerne on Ramansdrift is also already planted and is always an ongoing process with continuous harvesting and baling.

The grape team has a lot of exciting news and developments. They are preparing block 1 and 12 at Makalane to plant more of the newly developed varieties. With the new vineyards and the grapes expanding, the grape team are very excited to welcome Willie vd Heever, previously from the Sonop vegetables, to the grape team. With his previous experience in grape production, we know that he will play a key role in the new season's production of quality grapes. Klement has passed his test and can now drive one of Sonop's bikes as Assistant Manager. We are very proud of you, Klement, and wish you many safe kilometers. The pruning of the grapes started at the end of June and the first buds are already visible. In just a few weeks, all the "vaal" grape orchards will be green again.



At Noordoewer, the vegetable teams are busy harvesting all the tomatoes, peppers and butternuts continuously. Even with some challenges with the pump and water at Kieta the production teams manage to supply the packhouse with good quality product. Zjacques and his team are also busy preparing the soil for new tomato plantings in August in the net houses and at Modderdrift.

With the steady yields of the vegetables and at the peak of the season, the packhouse had a huge task to get all the product packed and ready for our customers. The past 2 months, Sonop tipped 6.6 m kg product and delivered 275 truck loads to the customers in Namibia and South Africa. Anton, Chris and the teams are all focusing on **quality**. Consistent customer satisfaction forms part of our strategy and to achieve this, everyone must understand and buy into **Sonop's inspiration to deliver quality and excellence**.

We are so proud to see that our team's hard work is enjoyed by the customers.

To all of the teams, keep up the good work and thank you for making Sonop great!



**Even meerkats love
Sonop Tomatoes**



WELCOME TO SONOP

New Addition to the Sonop Family

During the month of June, we welcome Anton Geldenhuis to the Sonop team. We are very excited for him to join the Sonop family and we trust that he will add immeasurable value to our growing team.

Anton has been appointed as a Packhouse Manager at Sonop Farms. He has 30 years of experience in a packhouse and is extremely focused on the quality of Sonop's product to raise the standards and make sure we give a top-quality product to our customers.

Sonop wishes you all the best. Anton, may you experience a lot of blessings and happiness being part of this team.



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations and thank you for your hard work. We are very proud of you.



LEENA JOHANNES
Packhouse QC



JOHANNES MBANDA
General Worker
Pepper Team

DORMEX SPRAY

Dormex® is a plant growth regulator used in vineyards and orchards to break bud dormancy and stimulate more uniform and earlier bud break.

Once a year, 24h after pruning, the vineyards get sprayed with Dormex. This is always done during the coldest part of the day with no wind to ensure the dormant buds stay wet, as long as possible.

It requires sacrifices from our spray operators as optimal conditions are usually between 03:00 – 08:00 in the morning.



SONOP COMPETITION & SOME FUN AND GAMES

Sonop's long distance trucks travel far and wide to deliver our delicious Sonop produce to our customers. The person that guesses correct or nearest to the correct answer will receive a **Sonop gift**.

QUESTION: *Can you guess how many kilometers did all of Sonop's Volvo trucks drove during the month of July 2023?*

Competition rules:

- You must be a Sonop employee with a active clock number.
- Wages office will send out a form to all teams to fill in their answers.
- The Sonop News editor will verify the answers and determine the winner.

RIDDLE

I am a seed with three letters in my name.
Take away the last two and I still sound the same.
What am I?

	3		8		1
	7	4	1	5	
9			5	2	
	2		5	1	
3		2	1	5	
5	9		6		2
	6	5	2		
	9	6		2	7
			8	6	5



SONOP @ TopFruit

TopFruit who manages the varieties of EARLY SWEET™ and ARRA™, has shared the following on their facebook page.

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ARRA Honey Pop™ (ARRA 33), first out of the blocks showing very good signs of bud break at Sonop Boerdery, Noordoewer, Namibia. We are excitedly looking forward to another excellent season with this early white seedless variety of superb quality.



@SONOP PRIDE

LINUS CORNELIUS ENDJARA



Linus Cornelius Endjara
16 October 1973 – 24 June 2023



Sonop Farming hereby wishes to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Linus Endjara.

Linus worked at Sonop for the past 2 years and passed away on Saturday, 24th of June 2023.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

PSALM 23:4

GET TO KNOW... LEE ENGELBRECHT

Name & Surname: Lee Engelbrecht **Place of Birth :** Windhoek
Favourite food: Rice and Eggs **Favourite colour:** Red
When did you start working at Sonop? Nov. 2022 **Position at Sonop?** Head of Security
Favourite Sonop produce: Everything except Onions
Who is your role model in the Sonop team? Mr. Albert
Your wish for Sonop Farms: I hope Sonop achieve remarkable success.
What motivate you to work harder? The fact that I am in a position to take care of Sonop's property and equipment including security.



Riddle answer: FEA



SONOP SOUP KITCHENS

What's better than a delicious warm bowl of butternut soup in the winter?

Every year in the winter, Sonop organizes a few soup kitchen events in the neighborhood of Noordoewer for the elderly, children, and unemployed people. But this year, Sonop decided to give this soup kitchen "event" for each of our own staff.



The purpose of this decision was to thank everyone who is part of the Sonop family for all their hard work by spoiling them with a nice hot, nutritious, healthy bowl of butternut soup as well as freshly baked bread.

Sonop are blessed with product that is very high in vitamin that we can support our community with, with projects like a soup kitchen or by donating vegetables to schools that prepares meals for the children. It was nice to spoil our own staff this year.



Certain staff members were lucky to work in different areas on different days - which means he/she could enjoy a nice bowl of soup on more than one occasion, e.g., like one of our great drivers XT mentioned:

"I am lucky to be in the right place at the right time every day with this soup kitchen event. I enjoyed it very much."



There are a few "unemployed" customers who also enjoyed the event.

