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Climate change: it's happening faster than you think

The average temperature increase in Southern Africa due to climate change is taking place at twice the global rate. The resulting lower rainfall figures and increase in the number of heatwaves will see agricultural landscapes shifting and veld fires growing in frequency. All of this will demand careful planning.

<https://www.farmersweekly.co.za/agri-technology/farming-for-tomorrow/climate-change-happening-faster-think/>

Pushing the boundaries of creativity in fresh produce

These days image is everything in the fresh produce industry, as consumers become more brand conscious and aware of what they are eating and where the product comes from, not to mention how sustainable it is. Specialists agree that the brand stories and images conveyed on the packaging are of paramount importance.

<https://www.freshplaza.com/article/9075126/pushing-the-boundaries-of-creativity-in-fresh-produce/>

Argentine soybean breeding company opens its South African branch

Buenos Aires, February 11th. One of the largest soybean breeding companies in Argentina, Santa Rosa Semillas, will launch its affiliate in South Africa, next March. The African landing of the breeding company based in the Santa Fe Province occurred after its management participated at the Soybean Summit carried out in Durban, in 2013.

<https://efarmnewsar.com/2019-02-11/argentine-soybean-breeding-company-opens-its-south-african-branch.html>

How To Grow Asparagus: The Delicious Vegetable That Grows Back Every Year

Growing asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*) requires patience but boy, is the payoff worth it. Although it takes up to three years to really get going, this perennial plant will produce a bountiful harvest year after year for up to 30 years. In addition, the plant itself is quite attractive with a long feather-like top that turns a warm golden hue in the fall and makes a powerful statement in your garden.

<https://www.naturallivingideas.com/growing-asparagus/?fbclid=IwAR14u39qFsM7ACD1Cs4YtoWHX2algC4MZ8jEFQvQiAWE0MsudDEOkPEPKs>

Co-ops are making a comeback

The farming sector has a long tradition of depending on co-operative models that, in essence, offer groups of smaller or medium-sized farmers the same scale of benefits that would otherwise have been available to only large, corporate farming businesses.

<https://www.farmersweekly.co.za/opinion/blog/letter-from-the-editor/co-ops-are-making-a-comeback/>

Food security low on the national agenda

According to the latest available research, 54% of South African households still experience hunger or the risk of hunger. This means that the people living in more than half of South African households do not have enough to eat or are not sure where their next meal is coming from.

<https://www.agriorbit.com/food-security-low-on-the-national-agenda/>