

Western Cape agricultural sector in the current economic downturn

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Die Voorsitter: Landbou in die Wes-Kaap het 4.6% tot die Provinsie se  
Binnelandse Produk bygedra in 2007. (Stats SA, 2009a) Landbou is  
verantwoordig meer as 40% van alle uitvoere vanuit die Wes-Kaap en verskaaf  
meer as 200 000 mense in die Provinsie.

ou is minder geraak deur die huidige ekonomiese resessie as sektore soos konstruksie, finansies of vervaardiging. Een verduideliking sou kon wees dat mense minder moet eet, maak nie saak of die ekonomie op of af is nie. Maar dit wat mense eet word wel beïnvloed. So sien ons tans dat daar minder vraag na luukse produkte is, maar dat die vraag na basiese voedsel steeds bestendig bly.

Some of the agricultural enterprises in the Western Cape that are fairly unique to the Western Cape compared to the rest of South Africa, include canola, barley, fynbos tea, hoodia, table grapes, wine grapes and wine, and ostriches.

ent years the growth in the canola industry has started to slow down. Claims of adverse effects of hoodia have damaged the reputation of the industry to the detriment of the predominantly emerging farmers.

For the first time in five years agricultural imports have exceeded exports in 2008.

### **Impak van die resessie.**

Die landbou- en vervoerindustrieë is op verskillende maniere deur die resessie geraak.

eis blyk minder geaffekteer te wees as ander industrieë. Vleispryse het :  
deels as gevolg van `n verlaging in rentekoerse, brandstofpryse en di  
ielies. Dit het bygedra tot groter vraag, maar ook verlaagte insetkoste.

ling in die ekonomie word egter treffend geïllustreer deur die feit dat di  
jide en velle drasties gedaal het weens die daling in motorvervaardigin  
rolg het dat minder leer aangevra word vir motorsitplekke.

United Kingdom has been hard hit by the economic recession and a significant export destination for **South African fruit**, this has certain implications. For the first time in history table grape exports volumes destined for the UK market have been redistributed to other markets, notably Europe and Asian countries. Consequently, table grape prices are expected to be significantly lower during the 2009 season compared to the previous year. This is partly due to the recession, leading to lower demand and deteriorating quality because of slow sales and excess stock on the shelves.

ging to the Deciduous Fruit Producers Trust, the strong Rand is affecting  
han the changed consumer spending overseas.

### **llike toekoms tendense.**

êreldkoringprys sal na verwagting verder daal in 2010, hoofsaaklik weer  
igvoorraad. Plaaslike koringpryse sal konstant bly. Plaaslike produser  
tariefbeskerming wil sien. Ons moet poog om produksie doeltreffend  
og, om sodoende meer koring met minder insette te produsee  
tement van Landbou in die Wes-Kaap is reeds 25 jaar betrok

ingsboerdery navorsing. Daar word huidiglik 300 000 hektaar koring  
aap verbou onder bewaringsboerdery.

mpact of the financial crisis is deepened by the sharp increase in prod  
of raw **milk** in 2008, triggered by the spike in prices in 2007.  
quence, stock levels are projected to peak in 2009 and 2010, with ne  
ations for the price scenario for dairy producers and processors over th  
ars. Prices of milk and most dairy products are projected to decrease ir  
ng the surplus production of raw milk in 2008 and the slump in intern:

Landbouesektor het disinvestering gesien die afgelope klompie jaar. Dit is egter nou omgekeer, en kapitaal vloei tans weer na die sektor. Dit is ook die geval met die meeste kapitaal wat Landbou invloei geld van buite Landbou.

Aggregate level real net farming income in South Africa is expected to increase by 8% in 2009 and 10% in 2010. Real net farming income is projected to record a long-term real average growth rate of 2.2% from 2011 onwards.

Alhoewel die landbou, as gevolg van die stabiliserende uitwerking van landbou, veral tans baie moeilike tye weereens sigbaar. Anders as in ander sektore, is dit

plaaswerkers afgelê as gevolg van die reсессie nie. Daar is steeds voldoende teen billike pryse op ons winkelrakke. Landbou bly steeds een van die pilare van ons Provinsie se landelike dorpe. Dit is in hierdie lig die taak van Landbou die nodige navorsing moet doen om produsente te help om die minimum insette die maksimum opbrengste te verwesenlik.

