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New Pecan Production Guideline Handbook Released

Mbombela: On 15 of June 2021, the ARC-Tropical and Subtropical Crops (ARC-TSC) formally released the third edition of the Production Guidelines for Pecan, edited by Arthur Sippel (ARC-TSC) and Hardus du Toit [South African Pecan Nut Producers' Association (SAPPA)]. The editors were assisted by sub-editors Dr Karin Hannweg and Dr Elliasha Hajari, with the layout and graphic design by Estelle Nieuwenhuis, all from the ARC-TSC.

The Pecan industry is rapidly expanding, a situation that has given rise to many opportunities and challenges. One of these challenges is the need for accurate information to ensure optimal pecan production despite changing climatic patterns. New entrants into this market need information regarding climatic requirements, cultivars, nutrition, pest and disease control, marketing, etc. Since the last pecan handbook was compiled in 2008, a large body of research has been undertaken leading to improved recommendations for pecan production under current conditions. Therefore, the ARC-TSC together with SAPPA, as well as other stakeholders (university partners and industry specialists), worked together to produce the updated Production Guidelines for Pecan.

The aim was to present the material in a reader-friendly manner without neglecting the scientific principles on which various practices are based. It is the editors' hope that, whether the reader is a producer or farm manager, potential future producer, student, university professor, or just someone interested in growing a few pecan trees, the information contained within the 27 chapters of this new edition will be useful. By applying the principles of sustainable farming as set out in this book, the reader will surely make a success of their pecan tree growing effort or business. The new handbook can be ordered through the ARC's website @ <http://www.arc.agric.za/arc-itsc/Pages/Products/ARC-ITSC-Product-Catalogue.aspx>

Photos: Mr Arthur Sippel, co-editor and Research Team Manager, handed out copies of the Production Guidelines for Pecan book to several of the ARC-TSC's key contributors.



From left to right: Dr Yolisa Pakela-Jezile (ARC-TSC Senior Manager Research) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



From left to right: Mr. Oscar Maphanga (ARC-TSC Nursery Manager) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



From left to right: Mrs. Estelle Nieuwenhuis (Book graphic designer, ARC-TSC publications division) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



From left to right: Mrs. Lucinda Rabie (ARC-TSC Librarian) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



From left to right: Dr Karin Hannweg (ARC- TSC Senior Researcher and book sub-editor) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



From left to right: Dr Elliasha Hajari (ARC- TSC Researcher and book sub-editor) and Mr. Arthur Sippel (co-editor and ARC-TSC Research Team Manager).



Launch of the latest edition of the Production Guidelines of Pecan publication.
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