Somerreën bring verligting... maar ook skade

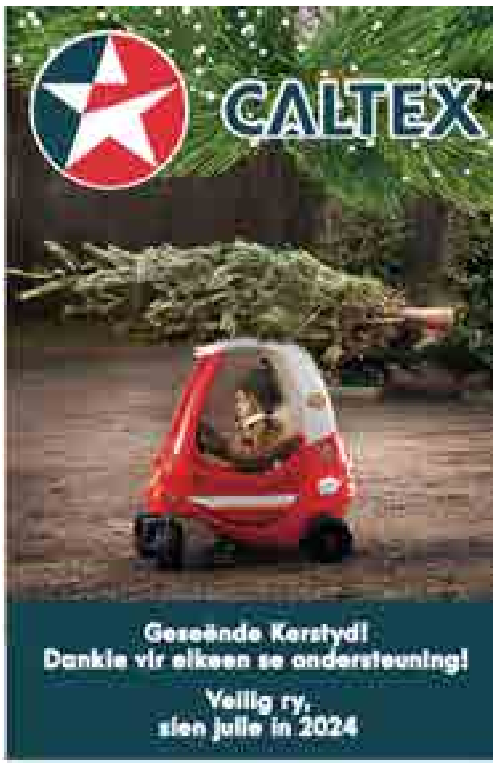
• *Vrystaat Landbou*

Terwyl talle Vrystaatse boere 'n sug van verligting slaak nadat verspreide donderbuie op 6 Desember oor die provinsie voorgekom het, is daar ook gevalle van skade wat deur weerlig en hael veroorsaak is.

Kempen Nel, Vrystaat Landbou streekverteenwoordiger in die Letsemeng-distrik, noem dat twee boere van die distrik skade gelei het toe gedeeltes van hul koringlande deur weerlig aan die brand geslaan is.

In die Marquard-omgewing het 'n haelbui groot skade aan verskeie boere se aanplantings aangerig. 'n Boer van die omgewing noem dat hy op een sonneblomland 100% skade het (sien foto) en weer sal moet plant. "Ons is wel dankbaar vir die 25mm tot 60mm wat in die omgewing voorgekom het."

Volgens Hugo van Doornick, Vrystaat Landbou streekverteenwoordiger in die Dihlabeng-distrik, het tussen 8mm en 19mm reën noord van Bethlehem voorgekom terwyl 24mm en minder tussen Clarens en Fouriesburg voorgekom het. "Sommige boere by Slabbert het tot soveel as 53mm gekry. Ons is baie dankbaar vir die goeie reën. Dit was bitter droog en gesaaides het baie swaar getrek. Weidings was ook besig om min te raak maar vee lyk gelukkig nog mooi."



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ITHUBA embarked on their first national housing project in 2022 and decided to grow on their success in 2023 by undertaking their biggest housing project to date.

For the 2023 housing project, ITHUBA partnered up with DPSA (Disabled People South Africa) to provide homes for beneficiaries who are differently abled. These beneficiaries will finally have access to facilities that make their lives unimaginably easier.

"Every person deserves to have a roof over their head and a place they can call home. This is a big challenge for South Africans but one I believe we can overcome if we work together. At ITHUBA, we want to show people we are committed to improving their lives. We want to live the saying, 'umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu' - a person is a person because of other people. This proverb is a core value of my organisation and to me personally," says ITHUBA's CEO, Mrs Charmaine Mabuza.

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