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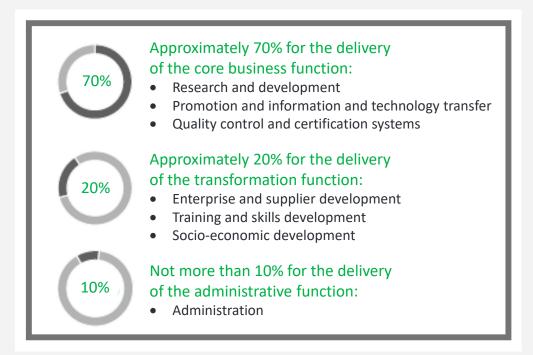
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL LUCERNE TRUST

The Lucerne Seed Board was established in 1952 as the controlling body of the lucerne seed industry of South Africa. The former control boards were disbanded during the market deregulation process in 1996. However, the lucerne industry found the need for certain functions of the Lucerne Seed Board to continue after its dissolution. Consequently, the National Lucerne Trust (NLT), a service organisation for the lucerne seed industry of South Africa, was established. This was done in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products (MAP) Act (no. 46 of 1996) and registered on 27 August 1997.



The NLT received a mandate from lucerne hay role players to act as the representative body for the lucerne hay industry. It was decided in 2001 that the NLT would represent both the lucerne seed and lucerne hay industries. Today, the NLT represents lucerne seed producers, cleaners, merchants, and importers, as well as the producers, merchants, processors, and exporters of lucerne hay. The NLT, as a formal and strategic body, provides role players in the lucerne industry with protection and the furthering of the interests of the industry, both locally and internationally.

The activities of the NLT are funded by a statutory levy on lucerne seed and lucerne hay in accordance with the ministerial guidelines, and the funds are appropriated as follows:



Proposed statutory levies

| LUCERNE PRODUCT | PROPOSED LEVIES | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| Cleaned lucerne seed: Payable by the lucerne seed cleaner and may be recovered from the person submitting the lucerne seed concerned for cleaning. | R1,15 | R1,20 | R1,25 | R1,30 |
| | per kg | per kg | per kg | per kg |
| Lucerne hay produced for commercial purposes and analysed by the near-infrared (NIR) instrument: Payable by the owner of the NIR instrument and may be recovered from the person submitting such lucerne hay sample for analysis. | R125 per | R130 per | R135 per | R140 per |
| | analysis | analysis | analysis | analysis |

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MEET THE TEAM OF THE NATIONAL LUCERNE TRUST

Gerrie Scholtz



Gerrie Scholtz was born in the Northern Cape (Douglas) and hails from a farming family. He completed his high school education at Douglas High School. He pursued his studies in veterinary science (animal nutrition) at the University of the Free State and obtained a doctoral and post-doctoral degree from the same university. Gerrie made significant contributions with his doctoral degree to the lucerne hay industry. He developed a grading system that is still in use today and remains under the auspices of the National Lucerne Trust. During his studies and time at the university, Gerrie built a successful farming enterprise, which now occupies him full-time alongside his involvement with the National Lucerne Trust. Gerrie has a passion for agricultural production and nature.

Walter van Niekerk



Walter van Niekerk matriculated from Boland Agricultural School and pursued a BSc in animal science. He obtained his PhD in agricultural economics in 2021. Currently serving as a senior lecturer at the University of the Free State, Walter is also actively engaged in a farming enterprise. His involvement extends to the National Lucerne Trust (NLT) where he serves as a technical advisor for the lucerne industry.

Rika Oosthuizen



Rika's journey began in KwaZulu-Natal, where she was born, before her family moved to Oudtshoorn, where she spent her formative years. As our valued receptionist and administrative assistant, Rika brings not only her professional skills but also her expertise as a hay analyst and seed grader, showcasing her diverse range of talents. Beyond her roles in the office, Rika's passion for farming shines through, reflecting her deep-rooted connection to agriculture and the land. Whether she is welcoming guests with a warm smile at the front desk or meticulously grading seeds for quality, Rika's dedication and multifaceted abilities make her an indispensable asset to our team.

Fritz Rupping



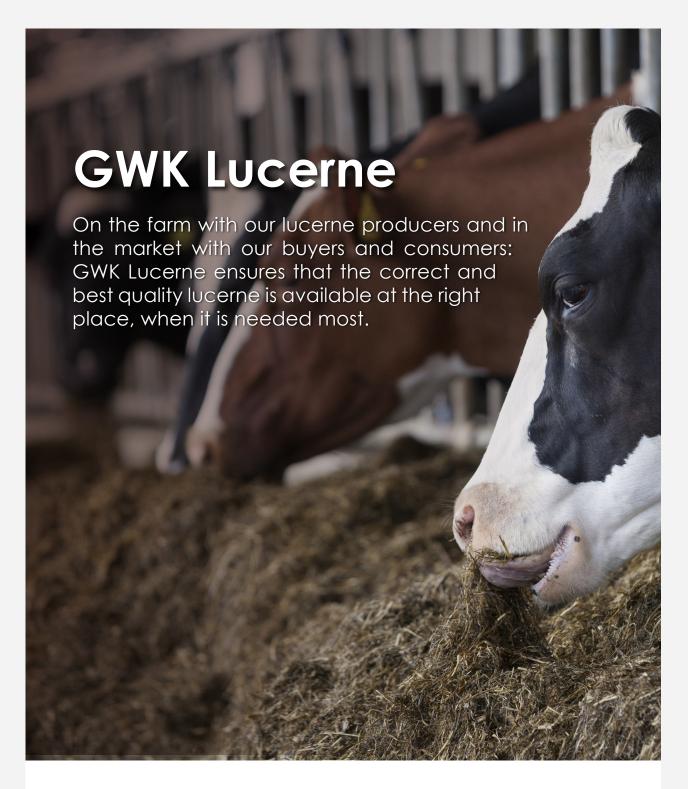
Fritz Rupping, hailing from Willowmore, completed his schooling in Oudtshoorn before pursuing accounting studies at Stellenbosch University. Regardless of his academic focus, Fritz's passion for agriculture remained steadfast. Currently serving as the manager of the National Lucerne Trust, he channels his financial expertise into advancing the lucerne industry, contributing to its growth and sustainability.



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dedicated solely to the
LUCERNE industry.

Distributed via WhatsApp to lucerne seed and hay producers, stakeholders, role players, and input/service suppliers in the lucerne industry. The NLT News/Nuus also features on the NLT website at https://lusern.org/#





For more information about GWK Lucerne, our products and services, speak to our national management and marketing team:

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Does your business currently offer professional services within Agriculture?

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(e.g. co. registration, business plan, bookkeeping, taxation, etc.)



Funding application

support services (e.g. renewable energy funding application)



Information consultancy and services



Import and export services



Logistics services



Farm security services (incl. security for property, equipment and produce/livestock)

How can registering your business on the Agrimall platform help you:



Client acquisition



Expansion of client base



Building your business profile and portfolio



List your services and ensuring accessibility



Access diverse markets



Extend your reach to different geographic locations

If you meet the following criteria, please register using the below link:

- · Have provided services to organisations within the Agri and/or Agro-processing sector
- · Have been in business for 3 years or more
- · Have signed financials (CIPC and SARS compliant)
- · Are tax registered and willing to share the relevant clearance/certificates
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