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Frans Engelbrecht is die Bayer CropScience Moerkwekers van die Jaar

Mnr. Frans Engelbrecht van die plaas Sonop in die Vryburg-distrik is die Bayer CropScience Moerkweker van die Jaar vir 2013. Mnr. Hennie van der Westhuizen, Besigheidsbestuurder van Bayer CropScience, het die aankondiging gemaak tydens Moerkwekersforum se galadinee wat onlangs in Premier Hotel O R Tambo gehou is.

Mnr. Engelbrecht het in 1990 sy eerste hektaar aartappels vir die tafelmark geplant. Vir meer bestendigheid skakel hy oor na moerproduksie. Weens die sukses wat hy behaal het begin hy mini-knolle onder kontrak te vermeerder. Huidig plant hy 180 hektaar moere, hoofsaaklik Mondial en Sifra, onder 'n sewe-jaar rotasiestelsel.

Hy het in 2007 ook met die louere weggestap en was in 2011 onder die top tien moerkwekers.

Bayer CropScience is al sedert 2005 die hoofborg van die jaarlikse Moerkwekersforum en dié toekenning.

Frans Engelbrecht is the Bayer CropScience Seed Potato Grower of the Year

Mr Frans Engelbrecht from the farm Sonop in the Vryburg district is the Bayer Crop Science Seed Potato grower of the Year for 2013. Mr Hennie van der Westhuizen, Business Manager of Bayer CropScience made the announcement at the Seed Potato Growers' Forum gala dinner recently held in the Premier Hotel O R Tambo.

Mr Engelbrecht planted his first hectare of potatoes in 1990 for the table market. For improved stability he switched over to seed potato production. Due to the success achieved he was approached to cultivate mini tubers under contract. He currently plants 180 hectares seed potatoes, mainly Mondial and Sifra, under a seven year rotation system.

He also walked away with the laurels in 2007 and was under the top ten seed potato growers in 2011.

Bayer CropScience has been the main sponsor of the annual Seed Potato Growers Forum and the award since 2005.

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Mr Hennie van der Westhuizen, Business Manager of Bayer CropScience and Mr Frans Engelbrecht from the farm Sonop in the Vryburg district, Bayer Crop Science Seed Potato grower of the Year for 2013