



**DUTOIT
CELEBRATES
A HERITAGE OF**

130
**YEARS WITH
YOU**



CELEBRATING 130 YEARS

2023 is an important year for the Dutoit Group, as we celebrate 130 years as a leader in South African agriculture. From the very beginning at Kromfontein Farm in the Western Cape in 1893, to becoming one of the largest family-owned fresh produce businesses in South Africa, we have a lot to celebrate.

Through innovation and dedication, we remain a leading producer and distributor of high-quality fruits and vegetables, and recognise that without our people on the farms, this would not be possible. In thanking all those who have contributed to where we are today, we present to you this tribute video celebrating 130 years of passion, dedication and innovation.

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HARVESTING EXCELLENCE DUTOIT RECOGNISES STAFF DEDICATION

In addition to celebrating the Group's 130th birthday, an impressive **232 STAFF MEMBERS**

in the Western and Eastern Cape also received long-service awards this year, testament to the company culture and positive work environment at Dutoit. Thank you to each and every one of you whose value and dedication have contributed to Dutoit's growth and success over the years.



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

We are incredibly proud of the legacy that Dutoit has established over the last 130 years, a testament to our commitment, resilience and dedication to excellence. We are heavily rooted in family, and South Africa, and will continue to strive to be an employer of choice, knowing that the happiness of our staff and the satisfaction of our customers underpins all that we do.



The Du Toit family and shareholder of Dutoit Group.

THE SWEETEST OF HARVEST UPDATES

This year's Cherry Time™ season has been an absolute delight! The orchards were brimming with the juiciest, most succulent cherries. Each bite was a burst of pure sweetness, and it's all thanks to your overwhelming support and love for these tiny crimson treasures.

As our online store draws its curtains for this season, we're filled with immense gratitude for each and every one of you who made this harvest truly special. Your enthusiasm for Cherry Time™ cherries has been the driving force behind our dedication to bring you the finest quality fruits. While our **online store is closed**, we're thrilled to announce that you can still get your cherry fix at **Pick 'n Pay!** The same delicious cherries you've cherished throughout the season are waiting for you there. We cherish every moment spent sharing the love of cherries with you. Your support has been the cherry on top of our harvest success. We eagerly anticipate the next season, brimming with even more sweetness and joy.

Thank you for being a part of our cherry-loving community! Until we meet again, **keep cherishing those cherries!**



LOOKING AFTER OUR MOST CHERISHED FAMILIES

After two years of planning, “Die Herbergie”, was officially opened on 24 November at Nooitgedacht Farm. An extensive hall renovation has resulted in a daycare and aftercare facility being built, as well as a fully functioning kitchen to ensure the provision of nutritious meals for the children. Children and their education are of critical importance to our business; our people should be able to work happily and without worry, knowing that their children are in good hands. We couldn’t be prouder to officially open this facility to care for their children, while they care for our produce. We’re thrilled to give these young learners a great foundation for their future.



A MESSAGE OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE FROM WILLEM

It's Christmas time and at Dutoit Agri, this means that it's Cherry Time™ again. Our cherry harvest is already at 70% and sales are progressing. We love seeing the all-round excitement about our cherries! Our other crops also look promising, despite the frost damage we suffered on the cherries and some stone fruits.

We close the books on a year with many challenges, including cost increases, the power crisis, turbulent markets, cash flow and quality management. We manage these challenges daily, alongside celebrating our successes – such as the wonderful onion harvest and sales results. Thank you again to everyone for their hard work, long days and perseverance!

"All we have is now". I read this recently on a billboard. Wise words, especially when I look at our lives here on earth. I would like to pay special tribute to Daléne Conradie and Klasie van der Merwe, members of the extended Dutoit Agri family. Both lived for the here and now, and made a real difference in my own life, as well as leaving a striking impact on our business. Their wisdom, and our memories of them, live on.

May you and your loved ones get a chance to breathe in the "now" with gratitude this busy Christmas season. Merry Christmas!

Willem ~ Managing Director

HENNIE DU TOIT BEGINS HIS JOURNEY

AS NEW CEO

As we near the end of the year, we are excited to announce the ushering in of **Hennie du Toit** as the new **CEO of the Dutoit Group**. Hennie, who officially took up the role on 1 December, is succeeding **Pieter du Toit Senior** who is retiring after more than forty years of dedicated service.

After a comprehensive process of recruitment and evaluation, Hennie was selected to assume leadership of the group based on his extensive experience within Dutoit and with his vision and values being aligned with the expectations of the group as a whole.

“ I am excited to take over the reins at Dutoit and am very aware of the great responsibility that this comes with. As part of the 4th generation of our family business, I am honoured to continue the legacy of my ancestors and help take the business to new heights. ”

says Hennie, who adds that with strong leadership and a clear vision, the group will not only overcome any challenges, but will continue to thrive.

“I would especially like to thank **Pieter Sr.** and **Gys Sr.** for their dedication to the Dutoit business over the past 4 decades”. Addressing staff, suppliers, stakeholders and partners, Hennie says that together, they are proud to have built a successful business, and will be ushering in the next era of the Dutoit Group with confidence.

Hennie, who joined the Dutoit Group on 01 January 2011 after a five year tenure at Maersk, holds a B Com degree from the University of Stellenbosch and an MBA degree from the University of Cape Town. He is married to Michelle and is the proud father of four children, John & Elizabeth (8), Nicholas (6) and Henry (2).

HENNIE DU TOIT

