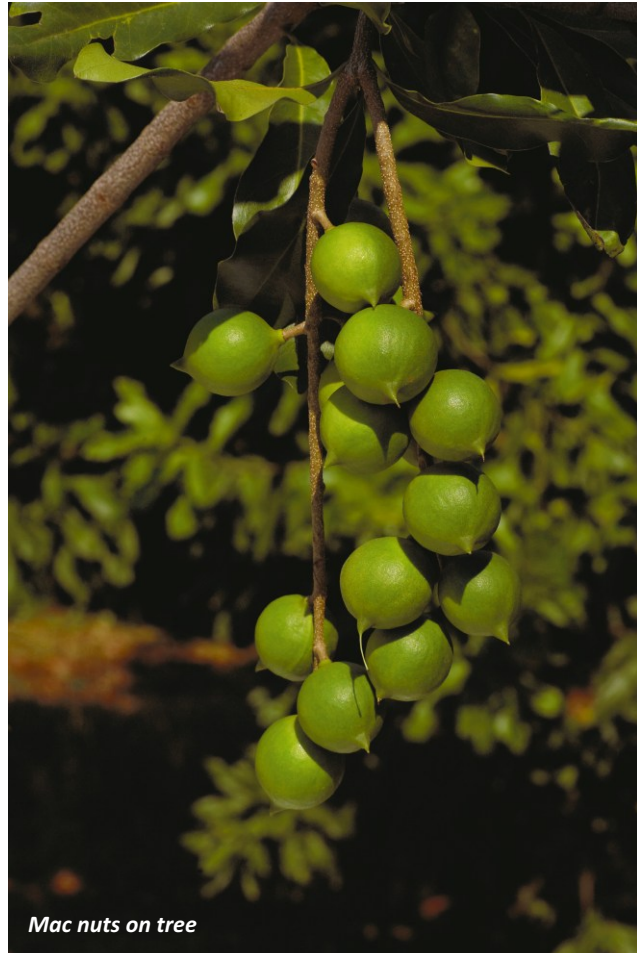


South African Macadamia Production Boosted as Young Orchards Deliver

With this year's macadamia harvest nearing its end, the South African macadamia industry is showing strong signs of growth as the yield from young orchards continues to increase.

The South African Macadamia Growers' Association's (SAMAC) latest estimate for the 2010 crops stands at 28,200 tonnes, an increase of 4700 tonnes on 2009. As well as benefiting from the implementation of the latest agricultural practices such as integrated pest management and carefully scheduled irrigation, production has been boosted by young orchards, many of which were planted at the start of the decade, reaching maturity and an increased yield.

The total South African macadamia plantings is currently 17,000 hectares; 30% of which is yet to reach full production.



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