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Promising Update - Macadamias South Africa (SAMAC) Reports Resilient Performance

Based on data from our trusted Handlers, the anticipated harvest comprises an impressive **77,532 tonnes of dry nut-in-shell**, boasting a moisture content of **1.5%**. What makes this projection even more impressive is its **12.6% increase** compared to the crop yield of **2022**.

Lizel Pretorius, CEO of SAMAC, did note a decrease of **4,024 tonnes** from the initial forecast at the beginning of the year. She attributed this adjustment to the challenges posed by excessive rainfall during the first quarter in our macadamia-growing regions.

“This weather condition made it challenging for growers to access their orchards, and a shortage of sunlight negatively affected bee pollination and photosynthesis,” she stated.

Nevertheless, the South African macadamia industry has exhibited remarkable resilience in the face of various challenges, which include weather-related obstacles, pest and disease pressures, and economic uncertainties.

The dedication of South African macadamia farmers to producing high-quality nuts has been a key factor in maintaining South Africa's prominent position in the global macadamia market.

Lizel anticipates that South Africa is nearing the conclusion of its harvest season and envisions that crop figures should remain relatively stable.



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	Production	Increase in tonnes from the previous year	% growth from the previous year
2010	28 428	4 921	20,9%
2011	30 068	1 640	5,8%
2012	34 571	4 503	15,0%
2013	37 500	2 929	8,5%
2014	44 890	7 390	19,7%
2015	46 000	1 110	2,5%
2016	38 000	-8 000	-17,4%
2017	44 610	6 610	17,4%
2018	56 550	11 940	26,8%
2019	59 050	2 500	4,4%
2020	48 925	-10 125	-17,1%
2021	53 585	4 660	9,5%
2022	68 840	15 255	28,5%
2023	77 532	8 692	12,6%

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About Macadamias South Africa (SAMAC)

SAMAC is a leading organisation, dedicated to provide inspirational and innovative leadership to an all-inclusive and aligned South African Macadamia Industry, which through the power of the collective, is built on broad-based research, market development and stakeholders engagements.

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