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PROFILES OF WINNERS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2017

“Proclaiming Progress towards women’s empowerment”

EASTERN CAPE

BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Zona Moira Nzimande	35	EASTERN CAPE	Meat Traders Abattoir	Abattoir	071 714 4041

Ms Zona Nzimande is a hard working young woman who has a vast experience in the meat industry. She completed her Matric in 1988 and Diploma in Environmental Health in 2003 in Mangosuthu University of Technology in KZN. She has advanced experience in the hygiene assessment and meat safety section. Ms Nzimande is currently working at the Meat Traders Abattoir as an environmental practitioner and their main aim is to produce healthy, wholesome, clean products healthy for human consumption.

She is a good team player and has the ability to work independently and normally conducts workshops for the staff training them in meat safety and basic hygiene requirements are constantly complied with.

During slaughtering, Ms Nzimande is the one responsible for;

Implementing hygiene assessment in the abattoir

Takes samples of BSE residues and water sampling programmes

Routine inspection in abattoir to ensure safe production of meat

Introducing meat safety act 2000 (Act no 40 of 2000) to communities and neighbouring farms

Doing butchery inspections

Ensuring that hygiene reports of abattoirs butcheries are kept up to date

Ensuring the entire place is kept hygienically clean at all times and every day after slaughtering

Ensuring that vehicles that transport slaughter stock comply with regulations

Ensuring that animals that qualify for emergence slaughtering are identified as quick as possible and those which are to be isolated be removed

to isolation pens as soon as possible also.

Ms Nzimande has received several certificates due to her hard work and dedication and won the Best Employee of the year award

BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Kobanku Elizabeth Msibi	63	Free State	Lejwe- Motho Primary Cooperative	Vegetables Production	073 444 7682

Lejwe- Motho Primary Coop project is located in Namahadi village in the rural areas of Qwaqwa in the Free State Province. The Co-op was established in 2009 and they farm on a 0.5 of a hectare garden. Ms. Msibi is a founder of this family Co-op which comprises of five members. They operate from their backyard and the main aim of the coop is to produce vegetables in order to eradicate and alleviate rampant household food insecurity and poverty. Vegetables are produced from quality certified seeds and are produced throughout the year. Vegetables planted are Carrots, Beetroot, Spinach, Cabbage, Peppers, Chillies, Pumpkins, Green Beans, and Herbs.

They use manual labour to prepare soil and they make use of mulch made up of dead plant material and are used as canopy on the soil surface to prevent excessive evapotranspiration. Ms Msibi is responsible for preservation of vegetables by use of indigenous knowledge of canning and drying in order to improve household food security. She currently obtains the following yields per month, depending on the season: 400 bunches of Spinach per season, 200 bundles of Beetroot, 200 bundles of Carrots, 100 heads of lettuce, 30 packs of chillies, 200 heads of cabbage, 400 bundles of radish, 120 bundles of Onion, 15 bundles of herbs, 100 units of Green pepper, 100 units of Green Beans and 250 units of Pumpkin.

TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Julia Ngwanamosana Madihlaba	40	LP	Thulani Dairy farming Primary co-operative	Egg layers, cattle, goats, pigs and maize	079 488 9094 madihlabojn@gmail.com

The co-operative was initiated in 2009 by six (6) previously disadvantaged members from Tafelkop closer to Groblersdal town. The six members consist of 5 females and 1 male; they got their farm of 171 hectares through LRAD. The minimum qualification of members is up to grade 12. They were trained in egg production, livestock management at Tompi Seleka Agricultural college. The main commodity of this enterprise is egg production with other small activities to support the cash flow of the enterprise. They have 3 houses with a carrying capacity of 2400 layers per house and two other houses with carrying capacity of 800 per house. The Department of Agriculture and Rural development supported this cooperative with five (5) layer houses equipped with cages, ventilation, feeders and drinkers at the carrying capacity of 9600 laying chickens.

They collect a total of 206 199 quality eggs per month from their five houses. They add value by grading and packaging their eggs for the market. They have a formal market with DAL wholesaler in TafelKop, Good Price Cash and Carry in Groblersdal, MIAS wholesale in Dennilton and informal market with hawkers based on availability of eggs.

They have created employment for 5 permanent workers and 4 seasonal workers consisting of 3 youth, 1 woman. They donate eggs to nearby crèche and chicken manure to neighbouring farms. Learners in the surrounding vicinity are also allowed by the cooperative use this facility as excursion to develop their love for agriculture.

TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Berene Damons	35	WESTERN CAPE	Tesselaarsdal Wines	Wine Processing	073 322 9499

Tesselaarsdal Wines was founded in 2015 in Hamilton in Russel Vinewards Farm. The wine Tesselaarsdal was named after the historic Overberg farming hamlet of Tesselaarsdal. Fifteen years after Ms Damons worked with Mr. Russel, he offered her with a wonderful opportunity to own her wine business and join the rest of the Hemel-en-route area as a wine producer with the expert assistance of Hamilton Russel vineyards winemaker, Emul Ross and the entire Hamilton Russel Vineyards team.

Grape purchases have been secured until 2021 with Babylon Vineyards, Hemel-en-Aarde Ridge until Tesselaarsdal 's vineyards is secured and ready for harvest. Ms Damons sells her wine both locally and internationally to; SWIG wines- The United Kingdom, Hanford wines- U.K, Vineyard Brands in USA and Oud Reuchlin and Boelen – The Netherlands. She has a long waiting list of both national markets in different regions of the country and international markets waiting for her to supply the. In South Africa it is; Ultra Liquors, Distri Liquors, Jane Simon Wine Agencies, Team Liquor Leader Distributors, Norman Good fellows both in Cape Town and Gauteng.

The farm has received accolades in the following; International Master of Wines Greg Sherwood, International Master of Wines- Tim Atkins- media coverage on US top wine, Damon Quinlan of SWIG.

TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Kedidimetse Rossy Rakgoale	56	NW	Selame Poultry	Poultry(broiler production)	083 285 1170

DRDLR bought the farm and leased it to Selame Poultry in 2013. This farm is a contract grower of high quality AA broiler chickens for Supreme. The farm consists of 6 broiler houses fully equipped with a capacity of 45 000 chickens each, control rooms and a dam. Each broiler has its own computer and connected to the central computer in the office. Each house has two feed silos of 18 tons and 12 tons from where the feed automatically pump into the feed pans in the houses. Since 2006 to 2013 the farm had over 44 cycle period produced more that 11.5 million birds. Currently the enterprise has 270 000 broilers per cycle (8 cycles) and an annual production of 2 160 000 birds and currently supplies Supreme Poultry. Selame poultry has created 14 permanent jobs.

TOP ENTREPRENEUR: EXPORT MARKETS

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Carmelita Cleo Kelly (Carmen Stevens)	46	WESTERN CAPE	Carmen Stevens Wines (Pty) Ltd	Wine making	082 557 1476 carmalitast@gmail.com

Carmen Stevens Wines (Pty) Ltd is situated in Somerset West in the Western Cape. It is solely owned by Ms. Carmen Stevens (Carmelita Cleo Kelly). It was founded in 2011 but the owner has been making wine for 21 years and for the past 4 years she has been exporting under her own name. The 100% black female owned business is producing both red and white premium quality table wines in Stellenbosch. Ms. Stevens was the first black person to study and qualify as a wine maker in South Africa in 1995.

The business specialises in sourcing of premium fruit from different grape growing regions, negotiating the best possible price for grape with constant vineyard management inputs. They process the fruit and turn the fruit into wine by through proper wine making processes such as barrel aging of the now, proper and continued quality control as well as blending and getting wine ready for bottling with the help of mobile bottling company. Then the process of bottle aging and storing of the product starts until the wine is ready for market.

Their biggest market is in the UK and USA and all wines are sold online and the business is hoping to gain entrée into the Chinese market later in 2017 since the talks are already in place. For 2016 the sales so far have been; 12 000 bottles of Red Blend, 12 000 of Shiraz, 12 000 of Pinotage, 48 000 of Shiraz (bulk), 24 000 Of Cabernet Franc/ Merlot blend (bulk), 24 000 Of CBL (bulk), 13 000 bottles of Sauvignon Blanc and 12 000 bottles of Chardonnay.

MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS

Young Female Entrepreneur

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Disabled Female Entrepreneur

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Busisiwe Cynthia Nyathi	48	Mpumalanga	Zeleni Disabled Project	Vegetable production	071 126 1322
<p>Busisiwe Cynthia Nyathi from Bushbuckridge works on a 3ha communal land since 2009 with the aim of having a centre where people living with disabilities may come together for empowerment. The project was started by 10 members led by Ms Nyathi and has since increased to 20 active members producing tomatoes, spinach, sweet potatoes and onions on first grade quality.</p>					

OVERALL WINNER

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