

BEST FEMALE WORKER



Katrina Nozimanga Nxangani

Allem Bros (PTY) LTD (Vlakpan Farm)
Beef Production

Katrina Nozimanga Nxangani lives in Rammolutsi- Viljoenskroen which is a town near Kroonstad in the Free State. She started working at Allem Bros (PTY) LTD in 1992 as a casual worker after finishing Matric. She worked as a garden worker with great determination ensuring that the garden is well maintained and cleans at all times producing favourite crops such as Spinach, Pumpkin and Beans to the owners. In 1996 she was made permanent general worker due to her determination and her passion. She was then taught to drive a Bakkie and a Tractor since it was taking her long to get to the fields and get back. In 1999 she then focused more on Animal Production and later sent to a Computer Course in order to improve her data capturing and record keeping skills and was promoted to be the assistant leader of her team in 2012. To date, she is leading the team responsible for Beef Production.

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TOP ENTREPRENEUR SMALLHOLDER

Happiness Lungisile Makgamatho

Kgalishibe PTY LTD , trading as MLK Eggs
Egg Production

Lungisile Makgamatho started the Kgalishibe PTY LTD entity in 2014 in a 16 ha of land acquired through local authorities for agricultural purposes in Ga-Mapela, Limpopo province. She possesses a Diploma in Land Surveying and Honours Degree in Development studies. She started with 600 layers in 2016 and the capacity has since increased to 6000 with a water purification plant. She now produces 5500 Grade 1 eggs a day. She uses chicken manure is used to fertilize the soil and sell to locals in bags to those who are planting. Eggs are labelled and are well packaged in-house by the entity and sold to local shop owners and general community members and to Tritex Caltex garage. The entity employs maximum of 6 seasonal workers and 4 permanent workers. Her employees are afforded opportunity to attend on job trainings and workshops on different skills of business operation. The entity hosts agricultural students from high schools nearby and students from tertiary benefit through practical have and research.

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FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR LIVING WITH DISABILITY



Victoria Matebogo Mouwane

Voice of Deaf
Vegetable Production

Victoria Matebogo Mouwane, who has a hearing-impaired, started her business in Westonaria Agri Park in 2016 and legally registered the entity in 2017. She has 20 tunnels with eight shade nets and one sprout house in a space of 10ha. She plants 800 tomatoes in six tunnels, 600 cucumbers and 800 peppers in 4 tunnels. Her passion for research and book reading assisted her to find out about farming with nets which she transferred her acquired skills to other deaf workers she employed in the entity. She sells her produce to the local hawkers, Pick' n Pay and Fruit and Veg Market and the profit is reinvested back into the business. The enterprise seasonally employs five (5) and permanently employs seven (7) workers. She has adopted a school for the deaf where she sponsors 10 children; bought all workers bicycles and donates vegetables to old age society and two crèches in Mohlakeng.

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TOP ENTREPRENEUR COMMERCIAL



Mmathoko Jarita Mabula

Mahlohomolo Investments (PTY) LTD
Egg production

Mmathoko Jarita Mabula owns Mahlohomolo Investments (PTY) LTD which is a Layer Production enterprise located outside Bela-Bela town in Limpopo. The enterprise started in 2014 with 4 production houses and expanded into 4 extra houses with each having the capacity of 15 000 Layers producing 110 000 eggs daily. The entity comprises of 250 households, 2000 beneficiaries and executive committee of 3 females and a male and it employs 17 permanent and 10 casual workers. Commercial layers are reared using battery cage system and the layers are kept in groups of four in a cage system that is automated. Feeds are provided through a conveyer belt system and each house is fitted with a monitor which is linked to a computer. The farm's handling and packaging is done by automated machine through to egg packers and are wrapped for collection by distributors. The enterprise sells a quantity of +-110 000 eggs per day to distributors. The entity collaborates with universities and Agri-Seta for learnership programmes and workers are also taken through trainings on health and safety standards.

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TOP ENTREPRENEUR EXPORT MARKETS



Berene Damons

Tesselaarsdal wines PTY LTD
Wine production

Berene Damons is the owner of Tesselaarsdal wines PTY LTD in Hermanus of Western Cape which produces premium quality red wine. She started as a worker for a wine producing company for 15 years. In 2014 she was empowered with resources by the same company to start producing her own wine. She currently exports her wines to a variety of international markets such as USA, Norway, Japan, Netherlands, Korea, and UK and also sells to local markets such as hotels, restaurants and wine boutiques. Berene plans on expanding their range by producing Pinot Noir this year. The business has created 2 seasonal jobs and is also involved in doing motivational talks in schools, wine community and upcoming entrepreneurs.

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BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Tholakele Florence Sibiya

Ntabenkulu
Mixed production

Tholakele Florence Sibiya is from Danhauser, Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal. Being a rural farm girl, born and raised in a land reform farm, she turned her exposure of working on the commercial farm to means of providing for her family. She began planting spinach, butternut, sunflower, beans, sweet potatoes, sugar as well as rosemary on a small 10x10m plot and had a 7m chicken house which she used for her five fowls. The number of chickens increased which made her to add four (4) more chicken houses so that she could keep her different rare breeds in different houses. She chooses rotational crops with nutritious value for the soil such as sunflower which reduce erosion, increase soil organic matter contents etc. In her field, she puts a hurricane light that attracts insects and when attracted, they get trapped and die as they inhale the methylated spirit. She plants organically without using chemicals. Ms Sibiya uses cow dung and chicken waste instead of fertilisers for her vegetable garden. She consumes her chicken and sells between 4 to 5 chickens per quarter at R150 each. She donates her surplus vegetables to the local community during funerals particularly to needy families as part of the culture of neighbourly support. She then sells her small production surplus to provide for her families' livelihood. At times she sells her indigenous chickens at traditional ceremonies.

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YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR



Khulile Mahlalela

Legend Piggery (PTY) LTD
Piggery

Khulile Mahlalela is an Agricultural graduate with a National Diploma in Animal Production worked for Kanhym Estate for five years where she gained experience on pig production and was later retrenched. Using her retirement package, she started her own business with three sows on a leased piggery farm which have now increased to 21 sows and two boars units. She supplies G3 abattoir with 10 pigs a month, sells to Klipeiland Abattoir in Bronkhorstspuit and also sells to individuals who buys live pigs. Ms Mahlalela has employed 2 permanent workers. Because of her outstanding work, she received recognition from Mpumalanga Youth Economic Development and MEGA.

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TOP ENTREPRENEUR PROCESSING



Daphne Neethling

Paardenkloof Estate
Wine processing

Daphne Neethling of Paardenkloof Estate in Bot River of Western Cape owns a mixed farming business operating on 1 430 hectares of land that comprises of 88 000 vines and produces up to 180 tons of Grapes for wine production. She produced 75 000 bottles of wine in 2018. The production increased to 170 000 bottles in 2019 and they are now also involved in activities such as production of nguni skins and honey, growing and processing of Proteas and Fynbos plants. The farm supplies wines to 30 outlets which include boutique stores, restaurants, guest houses and hotels throughout South Africa. Their wines have received prestigious local and international awards. The business employs a total of 13 permanent workers and about 40 seasonal workers. She is involved in a number of social responsibility activities such as sponsoring prizes for cycling tours, donating school hampers, participates in auctions and fund raisers for the community as well as supporting the Bot River Education Fund.

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