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## 1. EASTERN CAPE

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nombuyiselo Madodana	48	Eastern Cape	Bingqala Pineapple Co-op	Pineapple Production	

**Nombuyiselo Madodana** from the Eastern Cape started working in March 2014 as a seasonal worker for the Bingqala Pine apple Co-op located under Ngqushwa local municipality. She was employed permanently in January 2015 and is responsible for administration, planting, fertilization, weed removing, reading of rain gauge, weighing and mixing of chemicals, cleaning and harvesting. She ensures that the health and safety standards are maintained in compliance with Department of Employment and Labour requirements. The nominee always keeps good working relations among her fellow farm workers. She came up with the idea of filling up the tractors with fuel on daily basis after work in order to save time and allow tractor drivers to start work immediately the following day without any delays.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Noluthando Eunice Mdayi	59	Eastern Cape	Mdayi Agricultural project Mdayi Agricultural project	Vegetable Production	072 814 0461

**Noluthando Mdayi** who is the owner of the Mdayi Agricultural project located in Picardy, an area approximately 21km away from Fort Beaufort in Queenstown in the **Eastern Cape**. She started farming in 1992 in her back yard garden where she was producing vegetables such as cabbages, spinach, onions and beetroot. She currently owns 42 cattle, 77 goats, 26 sheep and 53 indigenous chickens mainly for household consumption for meat and eggs. Ms Mdayi sells goats especially during June and December season mostly for rituals and also sells wool from her sheep. Ms Mdayi is a very dedicated farmer and donates to schools.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Patricia Betsha	53	<b>Eastern Cape</b>	Bafazi Phambili	Poultry Production	073 297 6504

Patricia Betsha is a member of Bafazi Phambili which is owned by six emale beneficiaries who started farming in a commonage in 2006. The project is situated in Jansenville under Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape. They are operating in a 2 ha farm and are farming with broiler chickens at a smaller scale whereby they raise 1500 chicks on a temporary structure granted by Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR). They were assisted by DRDAR with another structure with a carrying capacity of about 3200 chicks and a cool room due to their commitment to the business. In 2016 beneficiaries won R15, 000 .00 in the district Female Entrepreneur Award and with that money they fenced in their Poultry structures.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Rochelle Greyling	28	<b>Eastern cape</b>	Rochgreys Forest Project (PTY) LTD	Charcoal Production	083 977 5554/085 300 0273 GREYLING91@GMAIL.COM

Rochelle Greyling started working in 2017 for a company Called Kleinbegin, which was at the time supplying untreated fencing poles through an agent to the Co-operations in the Eastern Cape. She worked as a Manager and started running the whole Fencing operation, she learnt more of the process and realized that she could start doing her own business. She registered Rochgreys Forest Projects and became a member at NCT Co- Operation in 2012 and approved in August and started supplying them in 2012. Since 2012 the company has supplied NCT with over 70 000 tons of timber and the orders are still ongoing and also supplied TWK with over 100 000 of timber, including pine, wattle and Gum. In 2013 she purchased the Company Kleinbegin from the previous owner. In June 2018, Rochgreys collaborated with a company called Silicon smelter who gave her a contract to produce charcoal to them.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Siphesihle Kwetana	25	<b>Eastern Cape</b>	Siphe Development and Capacitation Agency (SIDECA	Mixed farming	073 160 7345 Cpeza.sideca@gmail.com

Siphesihle Kwetana is the owner of Siphe Development and Capacitation Agency (SIDECA), which is a 100% black owned agribusiness company which started in September 2014. This company was started by a young black female after passing matric her in 2013, the aim was to create self-employment. She acquired 85ha of land on a lease agreement in Qumbu. She produced vegetables and started selling locally. Currently the production increased and the business grew, she now sells to Supermarkets such Spar, Pick 'n Pay, Food Lovers, Ideal Veg, also supplies Dan's Lodge and some local restaurants. The business also conducts agricultural trainings and provides technical support to other young producers.

**MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS****YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Samkelwe Mvimbi	32	<b>Eastern Cape</b>	Sitholana Backyard Garden	Vegetable Production	078 320 5621

Sitholana Backyard Garden was started by Mrs Mvimbi and her children in 2013 as a family Project on 2 ha but because of her ill health, her younger daughter took over. The project is situated at St Augustine's village in Maclear at Elundini Local Municipality in Joe Gqabi District. They produce vegetables such as cabbages, carrots, spinach, beetroot, beans, lettuce, potatoes, pumpkins and beans mainly for consumption and sells the surplus. The project also produces broilers, indigenous layers and pigs. The main objective of the project is to alleviate poverty within her family and sell to the community to generate some income.

## DISABLED FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Landiswa Diniso	29	Eastern Cape	Landiswa Diniso	livestock and vegetable enterprise	071 8697657

Landiswa Diniso, a sole owner of Landiswa Diniso Livestock Enterprise which is located in Burgersdorp. Although Landiswa was born with a disability in her left leg, and has to wear a brace to support her leg; she has never allowed her disability to limit her from attaining her goals. Landiswa grew up on a farm and when she left the farm for the township, her uncle gave her a calf. She kept her calf in a commonage and in 2015 that cow calved and that is how the business started. She received support from the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform in the form of fodder and goats. To date, Landiswa Diniso Livestock Enterprise is now involved in the rearing of cattle, goats, pigs and has a small patch where she plants vegetables for her household and sells the surplus. She supplies milk and surplus vegetable to the neighbouring community.

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## 2. FREE STATE

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Katrina Nozimanga Nxangani	44	Free State	Allem Bros (PTY) LTD (Vlakpan Farm)	Beef Production	072 344 0754 kat@connect247.net

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 to the owners such as Spinach, Pumpkin and Beans. 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.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Mieta Mpholo	62	Free State	Mmokeng Wa Maqheku	Vegetable Production	072 781 1028

Mieta Mpholo started Mmmokeng Wa Maqheku in 2007 in Zamdela Sasolburg in the Free State in her backyard vegetable garden with the purpose of uniting and keeping elderly people active during the day and also to alleviate poverty within the area. There are currently 70 elderly people in the Cooperative who come to the garden on Mondays till Friday. The produce that comes from the garden is used in the kitchen; Onions, Tomatoes and Cabbages etc and the surplus is given to the elderly to take home and more donated to the Day Care centre and the remainder sold to the communities. They received funding of 2 small tunnels from Sasol and irrigation system as well as palisade fence from

Seriti (former Anglo American mine).

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Mampheletso Lydia Nkhoke-Ntsankani	53	Free State	Mantsopa Mothers Agricultural Cooperatives	Vegetable Production (Tunnels)	083 753 1648

Momopheletso Lydia Nkhoke-Ntsankani is a member of Mantsopa Mothers Agricultural farming business which is situated in Manyatseng in a back yard in Ladybrand in the Free State. It was established in 2002 however expanded in 2008 into establishment of two shade nets. They plant Tomatoes, Spinach, Green Peppers, Green Beans, Cabbage, Eggplant, Pumpkin and Watermelon. They supply National Café and Cambridge Food Supermarket in Ladybrand. The cooperative have created 9 jobs composed of 8 women and 1 male, 2 of which are youth. They donate to the communities and at Old age homes

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Marie Scholtz	56	Free State	Harwya Boerdery LTD	Mixed Farming	083 292 4392 harwya@telkomsa.net

Marie Scholtz rented a farm in Bothaville in 2005 of 734ha farming with cattle, Maize and Horses. She started farming with 9 cross breed cattle, namely Bonsmara and Simbra as well planting maize on 160 ha. She owns her registered brand mark and each animal is branded and provided with a name. Sells Maize to SENWES and SUIDWES at current market price and cattle weaners are sold at 8-9 months old to feedlots at R38 per Kilogram. Currently employs two permanent workers and is a mentor for Kgotsong Commonage Farmers and also gives wood to the community for funerals.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Rethabile Gladys Maimane	44	Free State	Golden Goose	Processing Traditional Sorghum soft porridge (Motoho)	083 631 6948 rgmaimane@gmail.com

Rethabile Gladys Maimane is the sole owner of Golden Goose Catering which is situated in Welkom, Free State. It was established in 2003 as a Close Corporation. The entity's core business includes producing Motoho which is a traditional Sorghum soft porridge. The business began as a home based small scale enterprise with an initial investment of R200. The difficult journey from R200 funded survivalist business to a multi award winning SMME and was incited on by occasional financial injections. She has been bestowed with seven awards (7) and received grants through small business development competitions sponsored by various institutions. Golden Goose currently produces 1500 to 2000 Litres of Motoho per month and is supplying various retail outlets in and around Welkom and Virginia.

### MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS

#### Young Female Entrepreneur

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Ilze Oberholzer	35	Free State	Met Liefde produkte (PTY) LTD	Sauces and jam Processing	082 441 7316 Deville@webmail.co.za

Ilze Oberholzer is the owner of Met Liefde Produkte which was established in 2015. The enterprise is operating from "Hou Aan" farm in Theunissen, Free State Province. As a qualified chef, Ms Oberholzer started by making sauces and jams on a smaller scale and supplied a few shops and delis in the area. She later decided to register the brand "Met Liefde" as a private company and the company now produces various sauces, jams and baking mixes made from her own garden produce. The enterprise supplies Hinterland shops, Mosaic in Johannesburg,



Eunice Market in Bloemfontein and has recently made her debut at the Bloemfontein Show, Aardklop, Nampo and Vryfees..

## 9. GAUTENG

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Cathrine Morudu	Kinah 47	Gauteng	Izintaba Crocodile Farm	Crocodile farm	0828482678 076 080 3892 (Owner)

Ms Catherine Morudu started working as a domestic worker at Izintaba Crocodile farm since 1998 and would occasionally assist with the crocodile production activities after finishing her daily chores. Due to her satisfactory work performance, Catherine was given a general worker position that also allowed her to work in the farm abattoir. She was later promoted to an abattoir supervisor where she is now responsible for the supervision of four employees, verification of orders, ensuring adherence to industry practices while slaughtering such as hygiene and acceptable slaughtering methods. She is also responsible for overseeing correct packaging of produce for export. The 21 years of experience in crocodile farming have groomed Ms Morudu to become a seasoned worker who now has thorough understanding of the crocodile behaviour, and can now tell when it is safe to walk in and collect eggs from their nests and place them in the hatchery. She has also undergone a few trainings including first aid so she can handle emergency situations accordingly.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nomgcibelo Mkhize	28	Gauteng	Senzushintsho Community Development	Vegetable Production	079 033 0136 senzushintsho@gmail.com

Nomgqibelo Mkhize is a member of Senzoshintsho Community Development Cooperative Coop which was established by five young graduates in 2014. The Coop runs a hydroponics enterprise from Emndeni Skills Development Centre in the Gauteng Province. The enterprise has been supported by the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development with garden tools, production inputs, training and advisory services since its inception. The enterprise produces lettuce, cucumbers, peppers and cabbages in three tunnels. Nomgqibelo extends her knowledge of vegetable farming by teaching learners at Mara Primary School on agricultural activities and further donates some of her produce to orphans and vulnerable children at schools.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Fulufhelo Sheron Mphego	41	Gauteng	Move-On Farming Projects and Consulting (Pty) Ltd	Vegetable Production	076 104 5460 sheronmphego@gmail.com

Fulufhelo Sheron Mphego is the sole owner of Move on Farming Projects and Consulting (Pty) Ltd. After completing her Matric in 1997 she pursued her studies at Soshanguve College studying Business Management and was later employed as a Secretary. Ventured into Businesses such as running her own Driving School then later in 2003 moved to Mpumalanga to reside in a farm with a relative and that is where she developed the love for farming. She moved back to Gauteng and later in 2015 bought an 8ha plot and registered a company. She produces a variety of vegetables such and Butternut, Watermelon, Donkey Pumpkin. She has employed 8 workers. Four females and 4 males out of those which are youth. She also employs casual workers during peak season. She sells mainly at farm gate and several local shops.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Siphamandla	28	Gauteng	Local Village (Pty) Ltd	Grain foods processing	0836676860

Manqele					siphamandla@localvillage.co.za
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Siphamandla Manqele grew up in the Eastern and moved to Johannesburg after graduating from the University of Kwazulu-Natal majoring in Community Development in 2014. She then registered her business of manufacturing Toile Papers but it never really took off. She took up on a job offer in Asset Management but only for a year, in 2015 she started left the company and started to Free Range Chickens around Sandton area where she stays and then established her own company by the name of Local Village (Pty) Ltd. She revolved her staff quarters into a working space and processing plant. From reading African fiction, travelling and exploring different flavours, she learnt about various types of indigenous African cousins enjoyed across the continent. She then decided to source Teff and cleaned, process and package it, and then ventured into more grains/superfoods and gluten free flour as well and she processes them.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Mampe Filipina	60	Gauteng	Temaretha Piggery Farming	Piggery- Mixed Farming	079 329 3397 temaretha@live.com

Mampe Filipina Mmereggi acquired her 214ha farm Temaretha Piggery Farming through PLAS in 2009 and is divided into different sections of which 120ha of the farm is arable land and the rest is used for Piggery production as well as Vegetable Production.

She currently has 250 Sows and 4 Boars with 250 sow units. She has received several awards and achievements for the good work she does. In year 2011, she received the prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in the Agri Business woman of the year competition and in 2013 became the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up. In the same year 2013 she was identified by AFGRI Harvest Time Investment Farmer Development Programme and received a 5 year support. She performed well under the support of AFGRI and her yields shot from 2.5 tons/ha to 5.5tons/ha. In 2016 she then received a grant from GEP worth of R30 000 and used it to buy a Boom Spray, and also managed to secure a loan to purchase a Hammer Mill. She sells her produce at abattoirs such as ASA abattoir, supplying them with 50 porkers per week and sells live pigs at auctions and sells weaners at 6-12 weeks with 25kg weight. Ms Mmereggi has attended various different Agricultural Courses and she is well equipped and is very active in empowering developing and up -coming farmers on production techniques.

**MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS****Young Female Entrepreneur**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nomgcibelo Mkhize	28	Gauteng	Senzushintsho Community Development	Vegetable Production	079 033 0136 senzushintsho@gmail.com

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**MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS****Disabled Female Entrepreneur**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Victoria Matebogo Mouwane	39	Gauteng	Voice of Deaf	Vegetable Production	Matebogo: 082 074 9162 Sengo 072 417 4810 Matebogo.Victoria@gmail.com

Victoria Matebogo Mouwane, who has a hearing-impairment, 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 land 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 Fruits 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 kids; bought all workers bicycles and donates vegetables to

old age society and two crèches in Mohlakeng.

#### 4. KWAZULU NATAL

##### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Sizeni rejoyce Ngidi	56	KwaZulu Natal	KPP Piggery	Pig production	0726255780

Sizeni rejoyce Ngidi is from Bulwer Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma Municipality within the Harry Gwala District Municipality. She started working for KPP Piggery in 2011 as a general worker when the farm owner ventured in the piggery business. In 2018 she was promoted to an Assistant Supervisor/Team Leader. This was at the point when the farm grew and was able to employ seven (7) other general contract workers. Her responsibilities include general work and supervision, working at the weaner house; ensure that the weaner house operates smoothly. She motivates workers, encourages them and assists greatly as a problem solver. She coordinates the supervision of the piggery houses and ensures timeous reporting to the owner. With her minimum education and the expertise acquired during the eight (8) years in the farm, Rejoyce assists the in-service students from the uMzimkhulu and Tsolo Colleges of Agriculture during their practical training.

##### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Tholakele Florence Sibiya	38	KZN	Ntabenkulu	Mixed production	072 0536 648/ <a href="mailto:ntabenkulufarmers@gmail.com">ntabenkulufarmers@gmail.com</a>

Tholakele Florence Sibiya is from Danhauser, Newcastle in Amajuba District. She began planting vegetables such as spinach, butternut, sunflower, beans, sweet potatoes as well as sugar cane and rosemary on a small 10x10m land and a 7m chicken house which she used for her five fowls. Being a rural farm girl, born and raised in land reform farm ,she turned her exposure of working on the commercial farm

to means of providing for her family. She sells her small production surplus to provide her families' livelihood. The number of chickens increased making her to add chicken four (4) houses so that she could keep her different rare breeds of chicken in different houses. She sells the indigenous chickens during traditional ceremonies and eggs to the local community. 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, where she uses cow dung and chicken waste versus the fertilisers for her vegetable garden. Most of the chickens are for consumption and sells surplus. She supports the local community with vegetable donations for funerals and needy families.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Saraphina Delisile Gumedede	66	KwaZulu Natal	Mamangibheke Investments (Pty) Ltd	Vegetable production	0827682068/ 0762822679

Saraphina Delisile Gumedede registered Mamangibheke Investments (PTY) LTD in 2014 and she is the sole member of the company. She operates at KwaMbuzi Area, Jozini - UMkhanyakude District of KwaZulu Natal. After registering her company, she leased a 4 ha plot in 2015 and started vegetable production. In 2017, she extended her production land into 13 ha. She produces okra, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, jogo beans, cabbages, chillies, green beans, green peppers, and butternut. The enterprise also has a nursery. Ms Gumedede extended her market from supplying only the local vendors and hawkers to hospitals. She has also managed to secure an off-take agreement with Mosvold Hospital in iNgwavuma and the Durban Fresh produce market. The enterprise created two contract job opportunities for local females and approximately 40 seasonal jobs.

## TOP ENTREPRENEUR PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Makhosazana Cleopatra Zulu	54	KwaZulu Natal	Mvuleni Professional Services t/a Natural Quencher	Agro Processing(Natural Juice)	072 462 1547 Mvulenips8@gmail.com

Makhosazana Cleopatra Zulu is a business woman from Glenwood at eThekweni Municipality of KwaZulu Natal. Mvuleni Professional Services was incorporated in 2002 as a building construction company which slowed down and in 2016 started as a juice making business trading as Natural Quencher. The main ingredients of the product are garlic, ginger, lemon, honey, apple cider and mint herbs which are purchased from the Durban Fresh Produce Market. The main ingredients of the product are garlic, ginger, lemon, honey, apple cider and mint herbs. Ms Zulu produces juice in three different size bottles and supplies clients such as Max's Lifestyle and eYadini Lounge, Sibongelani, Sya's Salon, Durban ICC, Durban July, etc. The entity has created three job opportunities.

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## 5. LIMPOPO

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Azwindini Christinah Grandin	53	Limpopo	Easy Farm	Citrus Farm	0828190445/0723629901 easyfarm@telkom.net

Azwindini Christinah Grandin started being a general farm worker at the Easy Farm of citrus and bananas in 1992 and was elevated to be a pack house supervisor in 2002. The farm is situated Zoutpansburg at Tshivhilwi Village near Thohoyandou of Vhembe District in Limpopo province with a total 202ha. She completed her grade 09. As a supervisor she arrives at work 20 minutes before knock in time to check the register, drawing daily work activities/scope. She trains other workers on how to plant, irrigate, scout, spray, control weed, harvesting/picking, grading and packaging of citrus and bananas. She allocates them tasks, monitor and evaluate all the farm activities. She records all job activities happening in the farm on daily basis. She treats all workers with respect and she is flexible with working overtimes to achieve most of responsibilities.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Tinyiko Maria Ngobeni	63	Limpopo	Tinyiko Maria Ngobeni	Vegetable and Grain Production	0765641344

Tinyiko Maria Ngobeni started farming in 2016 in a small portion of 4m x 5m and then extended to 50m x 25m. She started the backyard farming after she realized that there is a need for improving human wealth within her household and the community. She grows vegetable crops and grain crops following the season. She practises conversional farming such as crop rotation; uses top dressing with soaked green kraal manure that she prepares herself; spread ashes on crop leaves to control aphids; and uses crushed soaked aloe, chillies and moringa to control pests and disease on planted crops. She produces 80 bunches of spinach, 10 crates of green pepper, 10 bunches of carrots, 20



bunches of beetroot, 100 heads of cabbage and 30 bunches of onions per season. She supplies her community and nearby schools with fresh vegetables at a cheaper price. She donates her produce to orphans, bereaved families, drop in centres and local old age homes.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Happiness Lungisile Makgamatho	40	Limpopo	Kgalishibe PTY LTD , trading as MLK Eggs	Egg Production	0845039171 lmakgamatho@kgalishibe.com

Lungisile Makgamatho started the Kgalishibe PTY LTD entity in 2014 in a 16 ha of land acquired from 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.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Tebogo Johanna Maepa	49	Limpopo	Deutronomeo Cooperative	Processing Pickled, Cherry, Crushed Pepper, dry tomatoes, spinach and frozen beet	0828792384/ 0815398386 Tebogo@deufoods.co.za/Tebogojmaepa@gmail.com

Tebogo Johanna Maepa started the Deutronomeo cooperative was started in 2014 and started processing in 2017 by 5 women on an 8, 6 ha plot at Palmietfontein farm outside Polokwane in Limpopo Province. Their processing includes harvesting, cleaning, washing, sorting, cooking,

crushing, bottling, stamping bottles with expiry dates, sealing bottles, labelling and packing Pickled, Cherry, Crushed Pepper, dry tomatoes, spinach and frozen beet. They produce organic products and also use of natural preservatives. They practice food safety such as washing hands, wearing gloves, caps and aprons before handling their products. The coop produces lab tested good quality products of pickled cherry pepper and cherry pepper of 50 bottles each per day; dry tomatoes and cubed beetroot of 2kg/day ; and shredded spinach on 20 packets per day. The coop employs 1 permanent (woman) and 200(02 Living with disabilities, 50 youth, 143 men and 57 men). The coop also trains women from Solomondale, Lithuli, Seshego and others with basic entrepreneurial skills. The coop markets include pick 'n pay Hypermarket and Spar Supermarkets and it's in process of exploring markets in SADC regions.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Mmathoko Jarita Mabula	62	Limpopo	Mahlohomolo Investments (PTY) LTD	Egg production	0833308999 jaritamabula@gmail.com

Mmathoko Jarita Mabula owns Mahlohomolo Investments which is a Layer Production enterprise located outside Bela-Bela town. 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.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: EXPORT**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Seoka Ngwanamapitsi	45	Limpopo	Peace Table Grapes PTY LTD	Table Grapes Production	0720897149/082 3418254 operation@peacetablegrapes.co.za

Seoka Ngwanamapitsi of Peace Table Grapes PTY LTD is located in Moganyaka Village of Ephraim Mogale Municipality. The company was established in 2015 by 4 directors with 81 percent women ownership operating at 10ha. Production of table grapes is done under drip irrigation with main activities involving pest and disease control, table grapes vines manipulation, fertility management through support from Omnia and Laeveld Agro-Chem and irrigation management supported by Irrichack system. All directors of the entity were trained on safety and responsible use of agro chemicals and storage. The entity has a take-off agreement with Schoonbee Landgoed to market all peace table grapes products using their branding while the entity develops its own brand. The markets include Far East and European markets as well as Pick'n Pay and Tshwane Market. The entity employs 38 women and 6 males with 3 living with disabilities on a seasonal basis and 4 permanent. The project employed 3 graduates on a 2 year placement; experiential training for students from Tompi Sleka College and University of Mpumalanga. The project also donates to the community during funerals and at schools.

**MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS****YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Reneilwe Madihlabeng Mahlanya	22	Limpopo	Ngwanalamola Academics	Vegetable production	0729894159

Reneilwe Madihlabeng Mahlanya is a member of Ngwanalamola Academics which is a 100% women owned business founded in 2012. The enterprise operates on a 3ha piece of land where they produce butternut, spinach and cabbage during different seasons. Ms Mahlanya was

employed by Ngwanalamola Academics vegetable project in 2016 working as a supervisor and she easily motivates and encourages others to perform their duties. She is well versed with the fundamentals of vegetable production such as procuring seedlings, cultivar adaptation, hectares to be planted, fertilizers, safe use of chemicals among others. The produce is sold to the Fresh Produce Market and Locally.

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## 7. MPUMALANGA

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Sylvia Mnguni	46	Mpumalanga	Alzu Piggery	Piggery	072 304 8248 piggery@alzu.co.za

Ms. Sylvia Mnguni is employed at Alzu Piggery situated in Mpumalanga Province in Middleburg on Kwaggafontein farm. Ms Mguni grew up in Middleburg on Kwaggafontein farm with her mother working as a domestic worker for ALZUs main household which prompted her interest in farming. In 2000 she started working on the farm as a general worker harvesting potatoes. A year later she joined the Piggery unit and her loving and nurturing nature made her an exceptional candidate for the farrowing houses. In 2003 she was promoted to become foreman in the farrowing house due to her attention to detail and excellent care of sick and young piglets. Her duties include feeding and basic care of the lactating sows and piglets in the farrow houses, leading the team that works in the farrow units and most importantly record keeping of the sows and piglets throughout the day and week. Furthermore, she is responsible for stock-taking of medication and feeding for the reproductive piggery units.

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### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Phethiwe Sithole	27	Mpumalanga	Kanyoni Cattle Farming Primary Co-operative	Mixed farming (livestock, free – range chickens, crops and macadamia)	0607102968

Phethiwe Sithole established Bandile Cooperative which changed to Kwanyoni Cattle farming Coop in 2011 with 3 members In the privately owned farm located at Barberton at Ehlanzeni District in the Mpumalanga province. It consists of 3 members 2 females and 1 male. She began

farming with only six cattle which she inherited from her father and later on members received 31 Nguni cattle from the Department of Agriculture under Masibuyele Esibayeni programme. As a result of good management they multiplied their production from 31 to 42 cattle. The Coop also farms with 26 pigs, sixty four (64) goats including twenty three (23) kids. The Coop currently produces crops such as maize on 5ha which is used for animal feed, macadamia nuts on 6ha, sweet potato on 6ha, dry beans on 2ha, vegetables on 0,5ha and a macadamia nursery which measures 30x30m. They produce 40 cattle bullocks per annum, 50 goats per annum, 32 pigs/annum and 120 Indigenous chickens per annum. They mainly produce for consumption and sell surplus to the communities. The cooperative has created 20 seasonal jobs.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Khulile Mahlalela	32	Mpumalanga	Legend Piggery (PTY) LTD	Piggery	071 593 2680/ 0815999656

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 Klipeland 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.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Thandi Cynthia Mokoena	51	Mpumalanga	Matsino Business Enterprise	Forestry( timber, Gum and Eucalyptus Grandies Trees)	0726241296 Thandi.Mokwena@yahoo.com

Thandi Mokoena started leasing Matsino Farm from 2011 after it was sold by the previous owner to Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. She is now trading as Matsino Business Enterprise which is located in white River, Mbombela municipality in Mpumalanga. Ms Mokoena was involved in thinning operations to salvage timber in Tweenfontein plantations Komati land in 2007 as a farm worker and to date she owns and manages a farm enterprise involved in livestock and production of pulp and processing of timber. Her operations include cutting of timber, manually de-bucking, sorting and labelling the timbers, packing and loading the timber for delivery. On average, the business produces about 31 tons of laths, 1000 tons of building and fencing timbers and 150 natured timber used for furniture per month. She supplies Avalon, Rustenburg, TWK and other formal markets. The business has created 52 permanent job opportunities.

### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nomvula Maya	59	Mpumalanga	Izindonga Ze-Africa Trading	Poultry	0768130015/ 0765058522

Nomvula Maya together with her sister established Izindonga Ze-Africa Trading CC in 2008 situated at Volgeftrulsfontein farm near Greylingstad town of Gert Sibande District in Mpumalanga. They managed to lease a farm in Volgeftrulsfontein, which started with a lot of challenges such as fire out breaks in the year 2009 and 2010 and burnt down 65% of their farm. The project is operating on a 450ha of which 220ha is arable and 204ha is for grazing. The house, compound and 9 broiler houses are built on the 26ha. The business has 9 broiler houses of which one has a carrying capacity of 25 000 and eight with a carrying capacity of 35 000 chickens each per cycle. The business produces about 3500 tons of meat per year at an average of 420tons per cycle and supplied to GOLDI chicken and Astral. The company is currently

rated in the top five amongst 54 of GOLDI Chicken Division of Astral Operations contract broiler suppliers. The business created 28 permanent and 17 temporary jobs.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: EXPORT**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Jillian Whyte	67	Mpumalanga	Green Farms Nut Company (Pty) Ltd	processing and exporting of macadamia nuts	083 227 8643 whytespr@webmail.co.za

Green Farms Nut Company (Pty) Ltd was established in 1991 by Alan and Jill Whyte and Rodney Green, as the first privately owned company processing and exporting macadamia nuts in South Africa. The entity has three factories located in the major growing regions of Limpopo, Mpumalanga and Natal. The business operations include, inter alia, the weighing and recording, checking for moisture content, cracking and passing the nuts through state-of-the-art optical sorting. They supply markets in the European Union, USA, South America, Middle and Far East and they added new suppliers to their South African base with companies from Malawi, Brazil, Australia and Carmelia Group. They employ a total of 41 permanent employees and 665 seasonal workers across the three factories. The majority of employees are women and those with disabilities totals 8.

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## MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS

### YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR

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## 7. NORTHERN CAPE

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nswaki Maria Makale	43	NORTHERN CAPE	Kalkdam Dairy	Dairy	078 388 0828

.Nswaki Maria Makale is responsible for raising calves since 2001 at Kalkdam Dairy which is currently operating with 180 cows producing milk and also involved in the processing of juice and other milk related products, her job entails feeding young calves, administering medicine and nurturing calves until they are ready to feed themselves. She is an innovative worker who came up with a time saving idea of using buckets instead of bottles to feed the calves which allows her time to go beyond her main job responsibility by helping her co-workers with the packaging of milk and juices. She has started a small farm with a couple of cows that she owns and plans on farming full time in the future.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Matshidiso Vantulation Parage	23	NORTHERN CAPE	Ipeleng Mosadi (PTY) LTD	Live Stock Production	071 565 7338 Matshidsoparage96@gmail.com

Matshidiso Vantulation Parage is the sole owner of Ipeleng Mosadi (PTY) LTD which started in 2014 operating on leased communal land from the Magareng local Municipality and is a livestock farm consisting of goats and cattles. The business started with one bull and three cows and currently has a total of 16 cows and 13 goats. The livestock is sold at auctions, funeral houses, fellow farmers and community. She has received various training which include Cattle Management, Animal husbandry and crop production and passes on this knowledge by training young people that are interested in farming.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Nomsa Florence Thoba	57	NORTHERN CAPE	Wathita Abafazi Farming	Livestock production	078 332 5528 keolebogilesegotsane@gmail.com

Nomsa Florence Thoba started farming in 2004 with about 20 lambs at Paballelo Commonage and in 2011 she obtained lease agreement with the Khara Hais Municipality to farm at Droogenhout farm where she was allocated 7 camps and currently operating with about 350 sheeps, 7 cattles and 180 goats which are sold at Julius in Upington on Lemoendraai at six months when they weigh 35-40 kilograms and cattles at 6- 8 months. She employs 1 seasonal worker who helps with the running of the farm. She continuously empowers herself with new knowledge and farming methods by attending training programmes which are offered by Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Maria Mtonga	55	NORTHERN CAPE	Motswedi two de farming Enterprise PTY LTD	Crop Production	082 693 4651 motswedifarm@gmail.com

Motswedi farming Enterprise PTY LTD was started in 2005 by a group of 4 women on leased state land ,due to lack of funding, they partnered with commercial farmers who helped them plant Lucerne at the time. They received support from the Department of agriculture through the CASP funding which enabled them to acquire implements and a tractor. The business currently produces around 310 tonnes of Maize and 215 tonnes of wheat which is supplied to markets such as SENWES and GWK. The business employs 2 permanent workers, 15 seasonal workers and is involved in various Social Responsibility activities such as assisting in cutting grass at schools and educates learners about farming

during school holidays.

## MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS

### Young Female Entrepreneur

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Mosetsanagape Thamage	Monica 30	NORTHERN CAPE	Monica Thamage Vegetable Garden	Vegetable Production	072 758 5632

**Mosetsanagape Monica Thamage** started her vegetable garden together with her mother in 2014 producing Spinach, Onions, Cabbage, Carrots and beetroot on a plot of 30 by 20 metres. Most of her produce is used for household consumption and sells the surplus to the community. She donates some of the produce to the elderly, Crèches and the needy in her community. She's able to take care of her daughter and other siblings from this project and intends to produce more so she can adequately sell to the community at large.

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## 8. WESTERN CAPE

### BEST FEMALE WORKER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Ntombesisa Mpenduakana	43	WESTERN CAPE	Philadelphia chicks	Egg Production	061 0146898 Vuyisani.luchuku@quantumfoods.co.za

Ntombesisa Mpenduakana started working in 2007 as a casual worker and is now a production supervisor at philadelphia chicks which is a broiler breeding farm producing fertile eggs consisting of 24 chicken houses but operating on 12 houses with each house populating 6424 females and 606 cocks making the total birds in each house to be 7030. The worker is responsible for supervising the workers during egg collection and keeping house records, chicken house preparation, stocking new chickens and monitoring the feeding system amongst others. The worker is currently studying Animal Production at Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute.

### BEST SUBSISTENCE PRODUCER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Zoleka Gomo	45	WESTERN CAPE	Women for Peace	Organic Vegetable Production	083 532 4867 Womenforpeace45@webmail.co.za

Zoleka Gomo from Mfuleni Women for peace which started in Johannesburg in 1976 then spread its wings to Cape Town in 1986. This establishment was initiated to curb unemployment in elderly women, youth and provide for nutrition for children in school going age. It is an organic vegetable production operating on 0.020 hectare of land, and are currently preparing to produce further under shade nets. This is a food security project, farming for mainly subsistence and contributing all the produce to the soup kitchen. Their produce includes; spinach, cabbage, carrots, onions, beetroot The project received assistance in a form of an irrigation system from the Department of Agriculture.

Women for peace contributes to community development through skills training and workshop programs by empowering women, unemployed youth and school going children.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: SMALLHOLDER

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Anna Smith	39	WESTERN CAPE	A& BP Honey Bee Business	Bee Keeping	063 087 7478

Anna Smith is representing A& BP honey, which is a bee keeping business that started in 2012 which does pollination in the Koue Bokkeveld. The honey production started operating with 5 hives of bees and slowly grew to 183 hives. Ms Smith currently produces 100 kg of Bloemkom and 150 kg of veld heuning which is sold to local markets such as Kransnes Hening and Dagbreek Bye Boerdery. The business employs 2 people from the community that assist with the repair work, honey harvesting and swerving of the honey.

#### TOP ENTREPRENEUR: PROCESSING

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Daphne Neethling	51	WESTERN CAPE	Paardenkloof Estate	Wine processing	079 504 3593

Daphne Neethling of Paardenkloof Estate is a mixed farming business operating on 1 430 hectares of land, 88 000 vines and produces up to 180 tons of Grapes for wine production and produces 75 000 bottles of wine in 2018 and increased to 170 000 bottles in 2019 and they are also involved in other activities such as production of nguni skins and honey, growing and processing of proteas and fynbos plants.

They supply 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 and is involved in a number of Social Responsibility activities such as Sponsoring prizes for cycling tours, school hampers, auctions and fund raisers for the community as well as supporting the Botriver Education Fund.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: COMMERCIAL**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Marilyn Siegels	43	WESTERN CAPE	Nitaflo PTY LTD (Protea Farm)	Fruit Production	082 969 2441

Marilyn Siegels of Nitaflo (PTY) LTD (Protea farm) which is a family business which is operating on leased land for a period of 30 years on 74.68 hectares; it consists of 24.68 hectares of bearing orchards, of which 12.24 hectares are plums, 12.44 hectares of apples. Protea Farm has long term agreements with well established packhouses for the exports of their products, plums are exported through Fruits unlimited & Freshness First and apples through Fruitways as well as a contract with AFP in Grabouw (Appletizer) for their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade apples which a fruit processing company. The business employs 14 permanent workers and about 30 seasonal workers.

**TOP ENTREPRENEUR: EXPORT MARKET**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm/Enterprise	Type of enterprise	Contact
Berene Damons	37	WESTERN CAPE	Tesselaarsdal wines PTY LTD	Wine production	073 322 9499

Berene Damons of Tesselaarsdal wines PTY LTD which produces premium quality red wine, she started as a worker for a wine producing company for 15 years, and in 2014 she was empowered with resources by the same company to start producing her own wine. Exports their wines to a variety of international markets such as USA, Norway, Japan, The Netherlands, Korea, and UK and also sells to local markets such as hotels, restaurants and wine boutique. 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.

**MINISTERIAL SPECIAL AWARDS****YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR**

Name	Age	Province	Name of Farm	Type of enterprise	Contact
Marice Mercur	34	WESTERN CAPE	Merice PTY LTD	Natural handmade Rooibos health and Skincare Products	071 684 6594 maricemercuur@gmail.com

Marice Mecuur of Marice Rooibos skincare is situated in Clanwilliam, who started the business that produces Natural handmade Health and skincare products after realizing the healing properties of rooibos tea when her 6 months old daughter developed Eczema. The business started with supplying local curio shops and guest houses with soap. Her business is currently producing a number of products ranging from Lip balm, shower gel, body butter, hand wash and lotion that are sold at the business studio, web shop, at spar and the farm stalls in Piketberg, Simply Natural shops in Cape Gate and also at Canal walk. Merice currently employs one permanent worker and donates some of their products to old age homes and also sponsors prizes for fundraisings.