

The Department of Agriculture congratulates the winners of the **Female Farmer of the Year Awards**

2006

Overall winner

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Linda Olga Nghatsane,
Mpumalanga Province

Category winners

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Top Producer for National Markets

Ms Jeanne Groenewald, Western Cape Province, started her farming enterprise with 100 chicks in her backyard in 1996. Today she supplies Woolworths and Pick 'n Pay with free-range, hormone-free chickens. She employs more than 150 people from the region as well as an additional 70 workers on the farms.



Top Producer for Informal Markets

Ms Linda Olga Nghatsane, Mpumalanga Province, is from Abundant Life Skills, Farm De Hoop. The farm was acquired in March 2004. Since then a borehole has been drilled and 4 poultry houses have been constructed, housing 3 800 chickens. She also produces oyster mushrooms, strawberries and a variety of vegetables. These are sold in Nelspruit and nearby communities.



Top Producer for Household Use

Ubhule Bamanguni Garden Project, from KwaZulu-Natal Province, started in 2000. They produce a variety of vegetables on a 1,2 ha area. The garden provides the financial means to send their children to school and supplies in the basic household needs. They aim to increase their production to market products to the local community and hawkers.



Top Producers for Export Markets—two provinces won in this category

Ms Rodene Lambrecht, North West Province, from Geduld Crocodile and Bonsmara, started with cattle in 1990 and crocodile farming in 2003. She exports crocodile skins and meat to Singapore and markets her cattle locally to commercial and emerging farmers. Her bookkeeping system is fully computerised as well as her cattle management and breeding system.



Ms Martha Livhuvani Mulaudzi from Limpopo Province started her farming business, Laura, in 2003 on a 10 ha area of land, which belonged to her uncle. She installed driplines and electricity and started growing tomatoes, butternuts and maize. Martha currently exports to Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. She employs 15 permanent and 8 temporary workers.



**The next Female Farmer of the Year Awards will be held in Mpumalanga Province on 31 August 2007.
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