

# Who will be crowned top Agri worker of the Year?

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture in partnership with Shoprite will be hosting the 2016 Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards on 5 November. Here is all the regional winners who will be competing for the coveted award. This year, 1 245 agri workers participated in the competition. Over 9,369 agriculture employees have entered the competition since 2002.



**Mr Anton Alexander,**  
Ouwerf - Crookes Brothers  
**REGION:** EGVV  
**CATEGORY:** HR Officer/  
Middle Management.  
Anton started as a general worker and worked his way up to a Human Resource Officer.



**Ms Charmaine Scholtz,**  
Ceres Remhoogte  
**REGION:** Witzenberg  
**CATEGORY:** Junior Management.  
Charmaine started as a youth worker after she completed her Teachers Diploma. With much effort and perseverance she was promoted to Junior Manager.



**Mr Christie Davids,**  
Anthonij Rupert Wines  
**REGION:** Franschhoek  
**CATEGORY:** Junior Management. Christie is responsible for the irrigation schedules and general supervision of the vineyard activities. Christie is a hard worker and respected person of the company.



**Mr Franklin Jansen,**  
JS Jordaan Farms (Jamacajo)  
**REGION:** Hexvallei  
**CATEGORY:** Administrative Officer. Franklin started as a general worker in the vineyards and with perseverance appointed to an administrative staff member in the packing shed.



**Mr Hendrik Koordom,**  
Achtevlei  
**REGION:** Piket-Bo-Berg  
**CATEGORY:** Middle Management. Hendrik is responsible for 30 hectares of fruit production. He is also responsible for the training of the Sotho workers on the farm.



**Mr Jafta Hendricks,**  
Goedgedacht Trust  
**REGION:** Swartland  
**CATEGORY:** Junior Management. Jafta was appointed in 2009 and is responsible for the development of 800 organic house gardens and the establishment of 10 small businesses.



**Mr Johnny Cornelissen,**  
Laborans - JD Kirsten (Pty) Ltd  
**REGION:** Bergriver  
**CATEGORY:** Technical Operator. Johnny supervises the truck drivers, chemical operators, all vehicles and implements.



**Mr Joseph Phiri,**  
De Grendel  
**REGION:** Durbanville  
**CATEGORY:** Cellar Foreman. Joseph is involved in the wine making process from the start to the bottling phase. Joseph also works in the tasting room on weekends.



**Ms Martha Klein,**  
Baakensrug  
**REGION:** Central Karoo  
**CATEGORY:** Junior Management. Martha is responsible for the coordination of orders and monitoring of the temperature of the cold room - which must be checked at least 5 times per day.



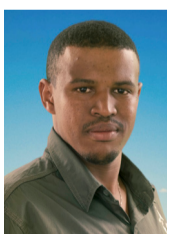
**Mr Mthembiseni Nelson Buthelezi,**  
Delheim  
**REGION:** Stellenbosch  
**CATEGORY:** Middle Management. Mthembiseni's fascination with wine led him to Delheim. He is responsible for the management of the cellar team at Delheim Wines.



**Ms Olivia Theunissen,**  
Wildekrans Wynlandgoed  
**REGION:** Overberg  
**CATEGORY:** General Worker. Olivia always try to go the extra mile. She can positively influence a team to harvest and sort fruit.



**Mr Raymond Weels,**  
Graham Beck Wines  
**REGION:** Langeberg  
**CATEGORY:** Technical Operator. Raymond is responsible for inspections of waste water, repair and maintenance of the bottling line and pumps.



**Mr Ryan Job,**  
Radyn Farms  
**REGION:** Olifantsrivier  
**CATEGORY:** Junior Management. Ryan is responsible for the pruning activities and admin tasks at Radyn Farms.



**Ms Salomé April,**  
Amalienstein  
**REGION:** Klein Karoo  
**CATEGORY:** Administrative Officer. Salomé is responsible for general record keeping, office administration, financial administration and she is also involved as a secretary on various committees.



**Mr Uben van Rooyen,**  
Werda Farms  
**REGION:** Breede Valley  
**CATEGORY:** Middle Management. Uben is responsible for the workshop and the handling of disciplinary procedures, assist with the management and organising of teams and the planning of daily tasks on the farm.