
My Experience as a Youth, Emerging, Black, Female Farm in the Transforming Agricultural Economy in South Africa

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Farming Experience

Financial and Farm Management – staff of 24

Dairy - herd of 250

Sheep - herd of 2 500

Planting Maize & Sunflower - 700 ha arable
land

Apples 4 ha

Beef - herd of 450, 1400 ha of grazing land



Exploring the Agricultural Sector

Presidential Youth Working Group

- Representing agriculture

Department of Trade & Industries

- Trade Missions to Berlin, Netherlands

African Farmers Association of SA (AFASA),

NEC member youth representative

Oklahoma State University, Fellows Program

Public speaking at various conferences



GrowthShoot

Established in 2014 by two young black females. Mission:



- Collaborate with established partners
- Create enabling ecosystem for youth farmers to succeed
- Develop business models that provide steady income streams for youth farmers
- Engage and employ youth graduates in



GrowthShoot Partners for the Pilot



Conclusion

- Financial remains the main obstacle that influences many factors
- Established businesses have a major part to play
- Immediate intervention required for youth farmers
- Innovative ideas will most likely come from the youth



Thank you



TEDxWomen Speaker, Pta



Presidential Youth Working Group, Pta

Young Farmer in Tzaneen



Fruit Logistica, Berlin



Youth Farmers, FS



Makolobane's Farmers Day with MEC



Oklahoma State University Fellows, US



Professional Fellows Congress, DC

