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Vroue in die Suid-Afrikaanse landboubedryf speel 'n belangrike rol, maar dié rol word onderskat wanneer voedselsekerheid, die ernstige behoefte aan werksgeleenthede in landelike gebiede en 'n verbetering in die ekonomie as geheel aangespreek word. Hulle staan meer struikelblokke in die gesig as mans om toegang te verkry tot die broodnodige kapitaal en vaardighede wat noodsaaklik is vir boerdery-bedrywighede aangesien hulle gewoonlik nie die nodige sekuriteit kan bied nie. Gegewe al hierdie beperkings, is dit verblydend om te sien dat al hoe meer vroue vandag sukses behaal.

Agri SA gaan voort om vroue in die landbou te bemagtig deur middel van verskeie programme wat sy affiliasies op grondvlak aanpak. Daarom wil Agri SA graag gebruik maak van hierdie geleentheid om me Julia Shungube van Mpumalanga geluk te wens. Sy is as wenner van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye se 2015 vroue-entrepreneurtoekening aangewys tydens 'n funksie in Durban. Agri SA was deel van die beoordelingsproses en is vol vertroue dat me Shungube die potensiaal het om te groei en ander vroue te inspireer om nuwe hoogtes in 'n bedryf wat hoofsaaklik uit mans bestaan te bereik.

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### Female farmer of the year

Females in the South African agricultural industry play a significant and yet underestimated role in addressing food security, creating the direly needed employment in the rural areas and improving the overall economy of the country. They face more barriers than their male counterparts in accessing the much required capital and skills vital to their farming operations as they usually lack the needed security for capital access. With all odds stacked against them, it is therefore heart-warming to see more and more women making it to the top.

Agri SA continues to empower women in agriculture to make it to the top through various programs undertaken by our affiliates at ground level. As such Agri SA would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Julia Shungube of Mpumalanga, who was crowned the 2015 Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) Female Entrepreneur Award (FEA) at a ceremony held in Durban. Agri SA was part of the adjudication process and is confident that Ms Shungube has the potential to grow and inspire other women to aim for the sky in the agricultural industry, which is mainly male dominated.

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