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SIYABONGA DAYS

SMALL-SCALE FARMERS IN AN
URBAN ENVIRONMENT



LIVE AND ONLINE FROM
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA, GRASSY PARK
9 October 2020



GATEWAY TO AGRICULTURE



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SIYABONGA DAYS



The **SIYABONGA** days aim to provide basic agricultural information to farmers in a unique format where farmers share a platform with industry experts, get the opportunity to ask questions and thus return to their farming with more knowledge and to eventually be more productive.

"Why **SIYABONGA**? Siyabonga means thank you and what is more appropriate than to say thank you to agriculture and the farmers of South Africa at a time when agriculture means so much to our country. **SIYABONGA** also is an acronym for **S**haring **I**nformation to improve **Y**ields in **A**griculture for a **B**etter-**O**ff **N**ext **G**eneration of **A**griculturalists."

The Agri-Expo information days have been presented in collaboration with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture since 2014 and are already an institution, especially among small-scale farmers in the Western Cape. This seven-year partnership is proof of how government and the private sector can work together to empower farmers.

For more information about the Siyabonga days, visit www.livestock.org.za or www.agriexpo.co.za

SIYABONGA DAY PROGRAMME



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FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2020

Cape of Good Hope SPCA, Grassy Park

SMALL-SCALE FARMERS IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

09:00 – 10:00: REGISTRATION

10:00 – 10:10

WELCOME

Breyton Milford: Operations Manager, Agri-Expo



10:10 – 10:40

LIVESTOCK SUITABLE TO YOUR NEEDS AND ENVIRONMENT

Donald Mouton: Farm Manager, Fairview



10:40 – 11:10

LIVESTOCK PESTS AND PARASITES IN CONFINED SPACES

Leon Kruger: Lecturer, University of the Free State



11:10 – 11:20 **Q & A**

11:20 – 11:40

HOW ONE FARMING ENTERPRISE CAN BENEFIT THE OTHER WITH MINIMUM RESOURCES

Chris Hartzenberg: Africa Community Projects Day Care, Belhar



11:40 – 12:00

THE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES OF FARMING

Renshia Manuel: CEO, Growbox



12:00 – 12:10 **Q & A**

12:10 – 12:30

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMMES BY THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, WESTERN CAPE

Jerry Aries: Acting Chief Director: Farmer Support & Development



12:30 – 12:40 **Q & A**

12:50 – 13:00

CLOSING: MINISTERIAL GOALS

Dr Ivan Meyer: Western Cape Minister of Agriculture



Donald Mouton

Livestock suitable to your needs and environment



Tips for Livestock farming

- Know why you want to farm animals. If it is not for productivity and making money, then you should reconsider.
- Have you got any experience/background in animal husbandry? If not, equip yourself by reading, learning, attending days like these and more, to become an expert in your field.
- Have you got sustainable resources? Fodder & water? If not, then maybe another kind of farming is better for you.
- Do you know what the water and fodder needs of the animals are? Can you make sure that their need will be met? If not, you must make plans to do so.
- Make sure you have good housing facilities for your animals. Enough shade, protection from severe weather conditions and easy to clean.
- What do I do with the manure? This is excellent for gardens, but it needs to be managed.
- Animals that is free from parasites and diseases produces more meat and milk and also reproduces more. Make sure you know what to look for when inspecting animals for parasites and diseases.
- Know your animals. Know their routines. They will show you when something is wrong.
- Keeping records to avoid inbreeding and to make sure that every animal is productive.
- Farming is a business. We need to produce enough good quality food and make money at the same time.

Who is Donald

Donald Mouton is the farm manager of Fairview where he heads one of the oldest and largest dairy herds in South Africa. Donald is a former president of the South African Dairy Breeders Association. He has been involved in hosting the Goat Information Day since the first Agri-Expo Livestock in 2014. The special interests in his area of expertise is agriculture. "I'm a farmer and my passion is milk goats, vineyards and olive trees. My goal is to farm these as economically and effectively as possible, and in the process be as environmentally friendly as possible." Some of the defining moments in his career includes the confidence of Charles Back (the owner of the Fairview Trust) to entrust his farming activities to him. Being involved at Fairview with the workers, with empowerment projects, like the Fairvalley project and serving on the board of WIETA (The Wine Industry Ethical Trade Association) has been an enormously rewarding experience.

Leon Kruger

Livestock pests and parasites in confined spaces



Guidelines to prevent gastro-intestinal infection in livestock

1. Maintain bio-security. People and animals can transfer diseases to your flock.
2. Isolate and quarantine sick animals in a separate camp for treatment.
3. Regularly clean manure from the holding pens, ESPECIALLY if there is a history of diarrhoea.
4. Make compost from the manure.
5. Regard any diarrhoea in lambs/calves as an infectious diarrhoea and obtain a diagnosis and apply treatment and supportive treatment immediately.
6. Do not keep lambs/calves less than 1 month old along with other adults than their mothers.
7. Observe your young lambs/calves less than three months old every day for abnormalities.
8. Always be on the lookout for abnormalities in the faecal output. Smell, consistency & shape
9. Improve the environment if it is not suitable for livestock. (It starts by picking up the first piece of rubbish.)
10. Always remember Proverbs 27:23: *Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.*

Who is Leon

For over 30 years Leon Kruger has been involved in small stock research with a postgraduate qualification at the University of Pretoria as well as the University of Life. Research has been done on selection of sheep, for resistance to internal parasites, and for the past 10 years his research has focused on animal behaviour and the effect of stress on the welfare on small stock. He has intense interest in parasites, internal as well as external parasites, especially flies. When it comes to farm animals, goats are first in line. Any goat, Boer goat, indigenous wild goat, Angoras, and dairy goats. Currently he is a lecturer on animal diseases and animal behaviour at the University of the Free State. Leon is currently busy with his PhD and is also the author of the book, **Boer met Kleinvee**.

Chris Hartzenberg

How one farming enterprise can benefit the other with minimum resources



Making something out of nothing

- Agriculture has vast range of opportunities to uplift not only you, but also your community.
- Make do with what you have. This will create an opportunity for partnerships later.
- Look for partners as you can learn from them, they can add value to your farm and open other doors for you.
- Do what makes you happy. It is hard sometimes, especially in struggling communities, but remember you can make a difference in someone else's life.
- To plant seeds, transfer seedling to grow beds, harvest crop, feed and harvest fish is what we do. It is a proven concept and can work.
- We also raise calves, hatch chickens, farm earthworms, recycle waste, harvest solar energy and harvest rainwater.
- We try to make a difference in the lives of children and our community through agriculture. It is something more people should do.
- Never give up and stay positive. It takes years to get where you want to be. We are not there yet, but we strive to get there.
- Bringing children and agriculture together is what we need in our communities.

Who is Chris

Chris and his wife have a passion for teaching and developing children. They saw the circumstances that children are subjected to and decided to start the Africa Community Projects Day Care Centre and has been involved for more than 20 years with this non-profit organisation. Realising that these kids often don't have food at home, they provide nutritious meals and create a healthy environment where children can learn and participate in different projects. The kids are taught to protect the environment and respect each other.

Their main focus is early childhood development which also provides afterschool care.

Their work spilled over to the school but had to be put on hold due to the recent drought a few years back. They then developed the aquaponics system. The system is enhanced with nature conservation, education, income generation, job creation and reducing high stress levels in vulnerable children.

Renshia Manuel

The endless opportunities of farming



Words of Wisdom

- To all the budding agriculturist: do not sit around and wait for opportunities to come your way.
- Just go with your gut. Don't let anyone tell you that it cannot be done. If you are dreaming about it why shy away from it. Go out there and make your dreams a reality.
- We should stand together, empower and support one another, learn from one another.
- It might seem hard but trust me, it's all worth it. Do not be put down by obstacles. The solution might not be clear at first but sooner or later it will be.
- Access to fresh produce at low prices has become more important now more than ever.
- It is not just about giving someone a veggie box, but about teaching and upskilling them as well.
- Growbox teaches concepts like seed catching, using recycled food such as kitchen waste, and all the things needed to enable people to keep growing and even increase their yield, so they can feed themselves and their communities.
- Use the networks that are at your disposal and if you do not have a network, find one.
- I am constantly probing the internet to further hone my skills and programmes like the Red Bull Amaphiko Programme, Samsung's Global Start-up Acceleration Programme, and ENGEN Pitch

Who is Renshia

Being unemployed and having to feed four children had forced Renshia to grow vegetables in her own backyard in order to feed her family. This sparked a drive to teach households how to grow their own food at their own homes. The knowledge that many households have no access to land to grow their own food prompted her to develop **GrowBox**. The aim of GrowBox is to take basic food nutrition to the people who needs it the most, while fostering the development of sustainable and eco-friendly practices. They are supporting households to grow their own food sustainably for a brighter future. Renshia has experienced remarkable personal growth and is currently studying plant production and farm management part-time. Going forward, she hopes to see her three part-time employees become full-time workers, and to establish a national footprint with two franchises: one each in Gauteng and the Eastern Cape. She also hopes to establish an e-commerce site for online clients across the world. Renshia was named the **2019 Fair Lady Santam Social Entrepreneur** (awarded to a female **entrepreneur** who is making a real difference in her community).

Jerry Aries

Successful programmes by Department of Agriculture, Western Cape



Who is Jerry

Jerry was born on the farm Matjiesrivier in the Kango Valley area of the Oudtshoorn district. He completed primary school on a farm and matriculated in 1984 at Bridgton Secondary High School in Oudtshoorn. He started studying at the then Kromme Rhee Agricultural College and completed his diploma in 1986, First Class and was also crowned as DUX student. He then started working on a farm outside Oudtshoorn and after 3 years he started working at Kromme Rhee as, among others, Dairy Manager, Farm Manager and offering various short courses for farm workers and agricultural students. With the official closure of Kromme Rhee in 1996, he started working at the Western Cape Department of Agriculture as Agricultural Extension Officer for the Swellendam District.

In 2000 he came to Elsenburg to help with the establishment of the current department. In the meantime, he completed his studies in Farming Management at the Elsenburg Agricultural College, degree in Agricultural Extension at the CPUT and in 2012 received a master's degree in Sustainable Agriculture (MSA) Cum Laude at the University of the Free State. He is married with two children and is an active cyclist.

For more information about the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, visit

www.elsenburg.com

Dr Ivan Meyer

Western Cape Provincial Minister of Agriculture



Dr Ivan Meyer

Dr Meyer is the **Western Cape Provincial Minister for Agriculture**. Former civil servant, academic, author, poet, politician and Western Cape Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA), Dr Ivan Meyer, was appointed in May 2014 as the Minister of Finance in the Western Cape Government. He's also been given political responsibility for the Western Cape's International Relations Portfolio. Prior to taking up his most recent portfolio Dr Meyer served as Minister of Finance, Minister of Social Development (2009 –August 2010) and Minister of Sport and Cultural Affairs (September 2010 – May 2014).

Minister Meyer was a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy and Local Governance at the University of Stellenbosch at the time of his election to the Provincial Legislature in April 2009. Before that he served as the Chief Director: Provincial Training in the Western Cape Provincial Administration.

He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from the University of Stellenbosch, as well as a number of international certificates and diplomas. He is published widely in the fields of education, housing, local government and public administration. A firm believer in the promotion of language rights which is a founding principle of the SA Constitution, Dr Meyer is fluent in Afrikaans, English, and German. A number of his poems were published in the anthology, *Teater van 'n Velore Tyd* in 2012.

While Minister Meyer would be the first one to admit that he does not get onto his bicycle enough, he does try to cycle as often as possible. His other passion is chess which he believes teaches one valuable life lessons. Staff can certainly expect to be invited to either a gentle cycle ride or a very intense game of chess. Dr Meyer is a proponent of fiscal discipline in all spheres of government and champions the idea that public servants should create public value.

For more information about the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, visit

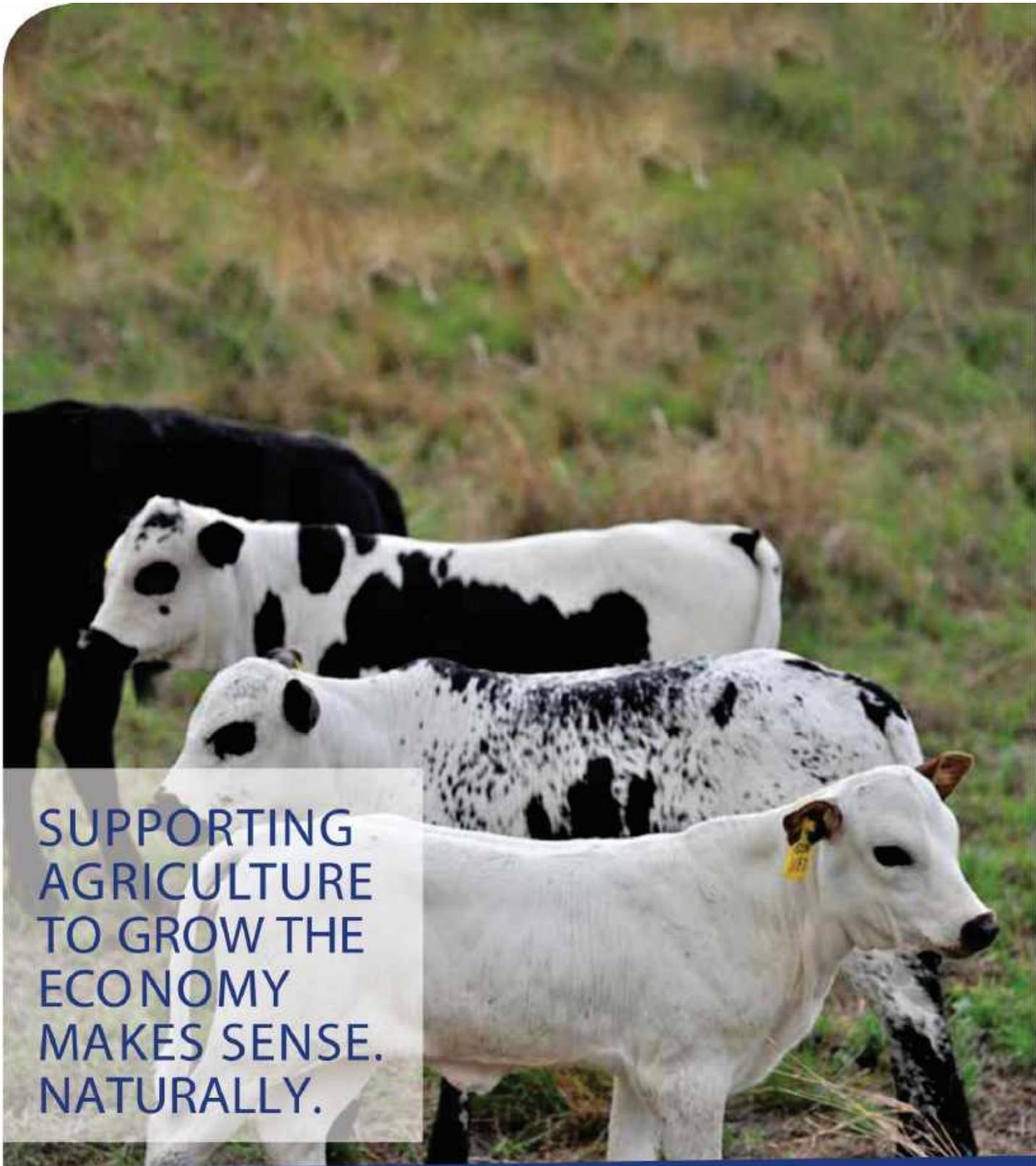
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Financial Tips from Standard Bank

1. The increased cost of traditional power is projected to continue to rise excessively.
2. Green energy solutions have reached a price point that makes it highly beneficial to consider.
3. These solutions can provide resource security for operations and stable budgeting for the financial management of businesses.
4. Most of these systems are modular which allows you to scale up with ease in need.
5. 10-year funding in the Small-Scale Embedded Generation is now possible with Standard Bank.





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DIE VOORDELE VAN GEMENGDE BOERDERY

09:00 – 10:00: REGISTRASIE



10:00 – 10:10

VERWELKOMING

Breyton Milford: Operasionele Bestuurder, Agri-Expo



10:10 – 10:40

DIE VOORDELE VAN WINTERGRANE

Toit Wessels: Assistent Bestuurder, Bemarking en Nampo, Graan SA



10:40 – 11:10

ROOIBOS BESTUURSBEGINSELS EN WENKE

Niklaas Slinger: Bekroonde Rooibostee Producent

11:10 – 11:20 V & A



11:20 – 11:50

DIE VOORDELE VAN WOL VIR KLEINBOERE

Jannie Fourie: Wes-Kaapse Bestuurder, NWKV



11:50 – 12:20

PRAKTIESE SESSIE: KLASSERING VAN KLEINVEE

Ettiene van Wyk: Suksesvolle Lewende hawe Producent

12:20 – 12:30 V & A



12:30 – 12:50

SUKSESVOLLE PROGRAMME: DEPT VAN LANDBOU: WES-KAAP

Riana van Rensburg: Landbou Adviseur, Dept van Landbou, WK

12:50 – 12:55 V & A

12:55 – 13:00 AFSLUITING

This day is presented in Afrikaans mainly, but we encourage online English participants to ask questions in English.





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