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AGRICULTURAL WORKERS ARE HONOURED FOR THEIR WORK SUCCESSSES



DEDICATED: Engineering technician Treun Willemse received an award from MEC of agriculture Msebenzi Zwane for his water projects in the Xhariep region. In recognition of their hard work, the department of agriculture awarded other “foot soldiers” with certificates and all-expenses-paid holidays at a ceremony in Bloemfontein on Thursday night.

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Hardworking officials in the province were honoured for their continued dedication to the agricultural industry. The Department of Agriculture awarded its “foot soldiers” with certificates and all-expenses-paid holidays at a ceremony held in Bloemfontein on Thursday night.

“The officials were nominated by clients, farmers and supervisors throughout the province. Both nominations and awards are based on an individual display of professionalism: a blend of knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitude on the work environment,” said the department’s spokesperson Life Mokone.

Control engineering technician Treun Willemse from the Xhariep region was honoured for his expertise on water projects around the region’s farms. Willemse’s work resulted in farm plans being completed and finalised well ahead of time. His work’s impact on productivity on the farms was found to be “tremendous.” Willemse said he had been a technician for the past 34 years. “I love what I do. Without farming we would be as good as dead. The water project also ensured that there is a sustainable water supply on farms. I would not have done this without the good team work I have in the region,” said Willemse.

Johannes Mahne from Thabo Mofutsanyana region, also an engineering technician, was awarded for ensuring that up-and-coming farmers were able to manage their water systems on their own.

MEC Msebenzi Zwane congratulated the winners and said a lot of farms lay unused. “As a department, not only do we want to attack hunger but kill and eliminate poverty.”

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