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

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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:



- Create enabling ecosystem for youth farmers to succeed
- Develop business models that provide steady income streams for youth farmers
- Engage and employ youth graduatestin hour

#### **GrowthShoot Partners for the Pilot**

**Logistics costs** 



Services

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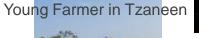
#### Conclusion

- 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



Presidential Youth Working Group, Pta



TEDxWomen Speaker, Pta





Fruit Logistica, Berlin



Oklahoma State University Fellows, US



Professional Fellows Congress, DC



Youth Farmers, FS







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