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2019 WESTERN CAPE PRESTIGE AGRI AWARDS
(FINALS)



Francois Cilliers from Willow Creek Olive Estate, Wins 2019 Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards

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Francois Cilliers from Willow Creek Olive Estate, Nuy Valley, Breede Valley region was announced as the 2019 Western Cape Prestige Agri Awards winner. This is our **first** winner from the Breede Valley region, making it an exceptionally special award not just for Francois but also for the Worcester Region!!

Last year's winner, Isaac Ntoto said that winning last year's award resulted in a life changing experience for him. He traveled to Netherlands and Germany as part of his prize, where he was exposed to agri logistic practices in those countries.

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Well Done Team Willow Creek and Francois! You make Worcester extremely proud! We wish you all the success going forward!! #ValleyOfChampions



A total of 1 393 agricultural employees from across 16 regions entered the competition this year. Regional winners were chosen in Piket-Bo-Berg, Durbanville, Stellenbosch, Central Karoo, Berg River, Franschhoek, Breede Valley, Swartland, Overberg, Langeberg, the Garden Route, Olifantsrivier, Hex River Valley, Klein Karoo Region, Elgin, Grabouw, Vyeboom, the Villiersdorp region and Witzenberg.

As the overall winner, Francois won prizes to the value of approximately R100 000, which includes an overseas study tour. When asked about his awards, Francois emphasised: "Agriculture creates opportunities; just believe in what you want to be and you can determine how you want your life to pan out.

Always ask questions, look up to people that have potential and take ownership of your road to success". "Agri workers are a key resource for this sector and I salute the hardworking men and women who contribute to a better agricultural landscape," said Meyer.