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LEPHALALE - Agri Lephalale and the Lephalale Municipality hosted the 2015 Farmworker of the year competition gala event on Thursday evening, 11 June at the Mogol Club. The competition is the initiative of the Lephalale Municipality with the aim to encourage and reward Farm Workers who work in the Lephalale area. Altogether 17 Farmworkers competed for the prize of becoming Lephalale's Farmworker of the year.

The winner of this year's competition was Simon Modimola from the farm Rietfontein. Simon walked away with a cash prize of R10 000. The winner in the category *Game farming* was Jim Makgae from the farm Grafton. In the category *Livestock farming*, Hiskia Mafisa from the farm Nooitverwacht walked away with first prize. Among the irrigation farmworkers, Jacob Mosima from the farm Weltevreden came out tops. All three received a cash prize of R5000 each.

Delegates from the Department of Agriculture, Agri Limpopo as well as councilors and officials from the Lephalale Municipality attended the prestigious event. The Acting Mayor, Cllr W Motlokwa welcomed the delegates and thanked all who contribute positively towards agriculture in the area. The guest speakers at the event were Ouke Jongbloed, a farmer mentor and Phophi Raletjena, the son of a farmworker turned farmer. Both were very inspiring and encouraged farmers and farmworkers to work together in transforming agriculture in the area. The Chairperson of Agri Lephalale, Francois van den Berg thanked the Municipality for the initiative and all who contributed to making this year's Farm Worker of the Year competition a great success.

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