

## REPORT ON THE 2022 AEASA AWARDS: WINNERS

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The programme of providing awards to the best performers has been with the Association for a long time and is regarded as a good way to encourage members to participate in the events of the Association and contribute to the profession. This report highlights the winners of the 2022 AEASA awards and the list of committee members, who were involved in the awards.

### 1. Best Final Year Student in Agricultural Economics

	Affiliation	Student Name
1	University of Fort Hare	Mr Ngindana Nalo
2	University of the Free State	Mr HC Kotze
3	University of Limpopo	Mr Tumelo Arthur Mohale
4	University of Pretoria	Mr Andrew Savage
5	Stellenbosch University	Mr Kevin Craig Walsh
6	University of KwaZulu-Natal	Ms Bandile Thobeka Nonhlakanipho Bhekiswayo
7	North West University (Potchefstroom Campus)	Ms Marli Charné Erasmus
8	North West University (Mafikeng Campus)	Ms Nailana Bridgette Mogale

### 2. Best Master's Thesis (4 Submissions received (RU, UFS, NUST and UNISA) and evaluated)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:

**Smythe, Grace (2021).** The economic value derived from health preconditioned weaned calves in South Africa. Department of Agricultural Economics, **University of the Free State.** Supervisor: Dr Frikkie Maré, Co-supervisor: Dr Nicolette Matthews

### 3. Best Publication in a Professional Journal other than Agrekon during the period 12 months 1<sup>st</sup> Prize:

**Willem.J. de Lange, K. Boast and T.E. Kleynhans (2022).** Modelling cost-effective clearing solutions for invasive alien trees: A case study on wilding conifers [Journal of Environmental Management (2022), Vol.316, 114985]

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:

**Lerato Phali, Maxwell Mudhara, Stuart Ferrer & Godswill Makombe (2021).** Household-level perceptions of governance in smallholder irrigation schemes in KwaZulu-Natal Province. [Journal of Irrigation and Drainage (2 November 2021), Vol.71, Issue 2, 394–405]

#### **4. SJJ de Swardt Prize for the best paper in Agrekon**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**

**Ebenezer Donkor & Jiri Hejkrlik (2021).** Does commitment to cooperatives affect the economic benefits of smallholder farmers? Evidence from rice cooperatives in the Western province of Zambia, *Agrekon*, Vol 60 (4) December 2021.

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**

**Ferdinand Meyer, Thomas Reardon, Tracy Davids, Melissa van der Merwe, Daniel Jordaan, Marion Delpont & Gerhard Van Den Burgh (2022).** Hotspots of vulnerability and disruption in food value chains during COVID-19 in South Africa, *Agrekon* Vol 61 (1), March 2022.

#### **5. Best Poster Paper submitted to the Contributed Poster Session (17 poster/visual papers were accepted for presentation at the conference)**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

**Masego Moobi, Ziyanda Hadebe and Nontembeko Mbusi,** The African Almond nut case: South Africa's export potential of almonds in the African market

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

**Yasser Buchana, Moses M. Sithole, Glenda Kruss and Pilela Majokweni,** Investigating patterns of innovation in agricultural businesses: Evidence from South African AgriBIS 2016-2018

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

**Utjevera Tjiramba and Salomo Mbai,** Assessing the impact of covid-19 pandemic on Namibian beef trade

#### **6. Best Contributed Paper submitted to the Contributed Paper Session**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

**Tracy Davids, Antony Chapoto, Brian Mulenga, Vanina Forget, Jodie Hattingh,** Revisiting the implications of maize trade policies in Zambia amid rising food prices

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

**Kandas Cloete,** HS oh eight – fruit and nut freight: a triangulation approach to assessing the impact of recent value chain disruptions in trade dynamics

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

**Bernard Manganyi, Selma Karuaihe, Damien Jourdain,** Preferences for index-based pasture insurance: a choice experiment in Limpopo Province, South Africa

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