

Brief Curriculum Vitae

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Presentation Topic: Regarding Fertilizer Efficiency in the Western Cape



Annemarie van der Merwe completed a BSc (Agric) (Hons) in Soil Science (1998) at the University of Free State.

She started her career as a researcher at the Western Cape Department of Agriculture on the carry-over of nitrogen in crop rotation systems. She then became the “trailing spouse” working as a sales agronomist at Nitrophoska and Omnia in Moorreesburg. She worked as a vegetable researcher at Wildeklawer Farm, focusing on onions, carrots, beetroot, potatoes and pumpkins.

She did soil classification, precision farming maps and lime and fertilizer recommendations as part of her job as an Agronomic advisor at Suidwes Landbou (Terratek).

The family lived in Rwanda, where she volunteered at an NGO. Back in the Western Cape, she joined the Department of Agriculture again and worked as a scientific technician for a few years doing nitrogen trials on wheat and canola, lucerne cultivars and crop rotations.

Currently, she is a researcher on long-term crop rotation and tillage trials. She completed an MBA (NWU) and MSc (US) in Soil Science and with her husband, Charl, of 25 years, raised 2 children. She is busy with a PhD in Agronomy (US) on nitrogen fertilizer rates on wheat in a conservation agriculture system.