

MF's Master Mechanic Season 2 is here!

Returning even bigger and better, the world's first tractor-based reality show will feature super-sized challenges to showcase the motivated and trained Massey Ferguson technicians throughout South Africa.

The time is fast approaching for the Massey Ferguson Master Mechanic, with Season 2 to be released on 18 November on MF Master Mechanic YouTube and Facebook, supported by all major social media channels. All episodes will be released at once for viewers to binge-watch.

Master Mechanic provides a unique glimpse into the technicians' world of fixing tractors, who not only swing spanners and travel to amazing and different places but use their intellect in conjunction with world-leading technology.

"The life of a technician has changed in recent times with the advent of computers and being connected to the Internet," says Dr Dominik Reus, managing director of AGCO Africa.

Six technicians will compete in three teams of two (red, black and grey) for a R100 000 grand prize. The winning team will also be afforded a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit and train at the Massey Ferguson Beauvais factory in France where the Massey Ferguson high-horsepower tractors are manufactured.

The team selection will be announced in the first episode of four. The epic final challenge will see the teams attempt to successfully replicate a giant version of the iconic Massey Ferguson Triple Triangle logo sprayed on a field.

MEET THE CONTESTANTS

Hoopstad in the Free State has two contenders from the BHBW dealership, namely Lodewyk 'Lood' Wiid and his apprentice (soon to be qualified technician) Caleb Webster. Caleb insists he has red blood like Massey Ferguson, which has a superior DNA.

"It's a great honour to be selected to represent the Massey Ferguson apprentices. I'll show the world what youngsters can do, especially with modern tractor technology," says Caleb.

Lodewyk says: "I consider myself among the best in South Africa. The



Contestants of the new season of Master Mechanic are (back, from left): Jacques Duvenage, Stiaan Redelinghuys and Lodewyk Wiid. Front, from left: Nico-Ann Jansen, Caleb Webster and Francois Beer.

more I am open to learning and sharing my knowledge with others, the more I have a receptive mind to solve complex problems with simple solutions. I have come a long way since I was a little boy learning about tractors."

Gqeberha in the Eastern Cape is ably represented by Francois Beer from Beer Trekkers, who declares he can fix any high-horsepower MF tractor. "Growing up on a farm and now being in a farming business lets me understand both sides of the spectrum, from the farmer's perspective to the importance of offering best-in-class product support. My 15 years' experience as a mechanic and the ongoing training I receive have prepared me for this challenge."

Filter Dienste in Bethal, Mpumalanga is proudly represented by Jacques Duvenage, who says: "I get so much joy from solving challenges. I get to learn new things all the time and apply the knowledge I gained to overcome the next challenge as effectively. I enjoy working with MF tractors. I know I am up for the Master Mechanic challenge as I understand diagnostics and technology."

Flying the flag for the Free State is Nico-Ann Jansen from BHBW Bothaville, the only woman in the competition. "I know I have something special to contribute, and I am determined to make that mark.



The set of Master Mechanic Season 2.



Three giant Massey Ferguson logos sprayed on a field, each 150m x 210m in size. PHOTOS: SUPPLIED

"I am a perfect fit for this competition because I mostly worked on high-spec Massey Ferguson tractors. Every day I push myself to acquire new skills and face new examinations of my abilities. I gasp with delight when I get the machine back into operation and experience that sense of relief from the farmer."

Last, but by no means least, Stiaan Redelinghuys from Hennie's Trekkers in Malmesbury, Western Cape points out that he has been working on Massey Ferguson tractors for the past decade. "I am a man of few words. The work I have done, speaks for me. What is more, I have never lost a No. 13 spanner!"

Master Mechanic is filled with all the emotion, drama and suspense one would expect from a world-class reality show.

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