



FARM PROFILE: Florence's Farm

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2.0. Location

The farm is located at Kibale village, Kisomoro sub-county Kabarole district in the western region of Uganda. Kabarole District is bordered by Ntoroko District to the north, Kibaale District to the northeast, Kyenjojo District to the east, Kamwenge District to the southeast, Bunyangabo District (which was formerly a county of Kabarole District) to the south, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the southwest and Bundibugyo District, across the Ruwenzori Mountains to the west. Fort Portal, the 'chief town' in the district, lies approximately 320 kilometers (200 mi), by road, west of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda.

3.0. Background

In 1995 Mrs Kayaayo abandoned her job at Busitema National College, Tororo where she worked as a records clerk. This marked the beginning of a new life as a farmer in her home area -Kabarole district. Her friends and relatives criticized her while others called her a fool for abandoning her permanent job to misery called farming. Nevertheless, Florence Kayaayo had a different view about farming. She settled on the land she had bought together with her husband Emmanuel Rusoke Kayaayo in Kibale village, Kisomoro sub-county Kabarole district. "I wanted to show those that despised me when I left my job that farming was had a hidden golden that all of them did not know," she says. Realizing that most people in her village were farmers, Kayaayo started growing Irish potatoes, maize, beans, matooke, cassava and sweet potatoes her four acres for home consumption. After studying how people lived, she also noticed that people were prone to famine because they did not store food. "I saw an

opportunity to make money during the time when food was scarce. I started storing food for my family and for selling and I have no regrets,” she says.

Florence has grown quite a number of crops since she started her journey of farm in 2002, to mention but a few Garlic, Apples, Potatoes, Maize and Grapes which she process into wine. Currently, Mrs Kayaayo is focused on grape growing and Portal wine production using simple tools.

4.0. Acreage and size of farm

The Farmland is approximately 1 and a quarter acre land where she has a winery and garden of grapes.

5.0 Activities and Enterprises on the Farmland

The main activity at Florence’s Farm is grape growing and wine production. She has planted 12 apple trees and 12 apples.

Grapes garden: The grape garden started with 5 plants, picked by Florence from a site of Kabarole Diocese. The ideal was to try out the plants, and along the journey the grapes she initiated an idea of multiply the plants, which worked. Currently the garden has 700 plants and she’s still counting since the demand of grape wine is growing day by day. The grapes are grown with poles and metallic wires to provide support and fertilized organically using animal manure and compost.



Onions: Besides grapes, the farm also grows onions using intercropping system especially with grapes and bananas. The onions are grown to supplement on the income of the farm especially in periods when the production at the winery is low.

Facilities of the Farm

The Farm has accommodation on ground with a Private Room within the farmer’s house and shared toilet between the participant and the host family.

Storage facility for the wine,

8.0. Photo Gallery







