



EDITH WHEATLAND

Edith Wheatland, CEO of a successful integrated poultry company in Ghana, is well known for her support of women, her advocacy for youth empowerment, as well as people living with disabilities, and her commitment to taking concrete steps through her livelihood programs to ensure that rural children have access to good nutrition in school. Her enterprise consists of a poultry farm with 100,000 chickens, a processing facility and commercial feed milling companies. The newest product line from Rockland Farms, Akoko Tasty, is currently Ghana's most popular packaged, locally produced, pre-cut chicken.

Edith travelled from Ghana, where she was born and reared, to the United Kingdom, where she worked for a while before coming to the United States to help her uncle, whose company was based in Rockland County, New York, which is where her company's name came from. In 2013, she went back to Ghana to start her ambition of raising chicken. Today, she mobilizes more than 200,000 output capacity with the help of her outgrowers.

In keeping women and youth at the center of her business, Edith supports over 6,000 smallholder farmers, with over 90% of them being women and youth. These farmers receive inputs, technical support, equipment and seed money to mobilize savings and lending among themselves in order to sustainably and profitably cultivate maize, as well as improve their livelihoods.

Edith Wheatland is the Ghana's current National Best Female Farmer. She also is co-awardee of the Feed the Future Accelerating Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) Prize for promising business ventures in 2018.