Eastern Cape Crop Production Program 2026/27

The Department of Agriculture invites all interested subsistence and smallholder farmers of Eastern Cape Province to apply for participating in the Crop Production Program as stipulated in the Eastern Cape Food Security Policy. The program's aim is to increase crop productivity among subsistence farmers and smallholders within the Eastern Cape Province in order to improve food security and reduce poverty. The departmental approach to farmer support is also to encourage the participation of people living with disabilities, youth and women in agriculture. Therefore, a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this group of farmers.

Qualifying Applicants

Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in the Eastern Cape Province Must be registered on the Producer Farmer Register (PFR) database or soon after The applicant must have short to long term legitimate right to use the land they are applying on; The farmer must demonstrate capacity to be able to top-up departmental subsidy to achieve optimal yield through a business/association/cooperative account;

In rural communities, farmers are encouraged to apply as an association/commodity group; Vegetables and Lucerne farmers must be irrigating for production. Vegetables can also be produced under environmental controlled systems (Tunnels);

Appropriately services such as water and electricity debts will be an added advantage.

Requisite Documents

Properly filled application form

Proof of land ownership or legitimate right to occupy the land Short project profile

Copy of Identity Documents of applicant or Executive Committee for Association Feasibility

study that confirms the suitability of the land for the intended crop Proof of availability of funds
in the business/association/cooperative bank account

What Can You Apply For

Production inputs for grains, vegetables, fodder, chicory and other horticultural product. Mechanisation support under the grain production programme.







Eastern Cape Crop Production Program 2026/27

Exclusion Criteria

Beneficiaries of similar program from NDA in the same period Beneficiaries of the NDA post settlement support in the same period

Terms and Condition of Application

Commitment to ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs (assets may be removed if not used productively/misused).

Give the Department access to financial, production and sales records of the business Commitment to allow the Department access to the farm for Extension services and monitoring purposes.

Commitment to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.

Enquiries can be directed to the following Officials

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NB! Application forms are available in all DoA Offices and DoA Website

The deadline for application forms is 10 October 2025







Eastern Cape Livestock Production Improvement Scheme 2026/27

The Department Agriculture invites all interested emerging livestock farmers as stipulated in the Agriculture Development Act 1999 (Act No 8 of 1999). The program's main objective is to improve genetic makeup of herds and flocks of subsistence and smallholder farmers. This is done through the provision of pure bred bulls, rams and bucks. The heifers, ewes and does are earmarked for youth, women and people living with disabilities that have farms that are not stocked below 30% of their capacity.

Qualifying Applicants

Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group(s) residing in the Eastern Cape Province. Applicants to be registered on Producer Farmer Register (PFR) database

Involvement of designated group – youth, women, military veterans and people with disabilities Applicants must have medium to long term legitimate right to use the land they are applying on Applicants must be already in the livestock farming i.e. already have livestock applying for Applicants must demonstrate capacity to be able to look after the number of animals they are applying for through a business/association/cooperative account: R3000/bull (Heifers) or R800/ram or buck (Ewes/does)

In rural communities, farmers are encouraged to apply as an association/commodity group. All applicants must comply with Animal Identification Act 6(2002)

Requisite Documents

Completely filled application form,

Proof of land ownership or legitimate right to use the land

Short project profile

Copy of Identity Documents of all applicants Viable business plan for commodity you are running

Proof of available money in the business/association/cooperative bank account Copy of Registered Branding Certificates of all members







Eastern Cape Livestock Production Improvement Scheme 2026/27

What Can You Apply For

Heifers, does & ewes preference will be given to designated groups
All cattle breeds (bulls & heifers)
All sheep breeds (rams & ewes)
All goat breed (bucks& does)

Exclusion Criteria

Beneficiaries of NDA and DoA similar program in the past 6 years Beneficiaries of NDA post settlement support in the same period

Non-Registration in the PFR database will lead to immediate elimination Non-disclosure of other government support will lead to immediate elimination Non-compliance with Animal Identification Act, Act 6 of 2002

Enquiries can be directed to the following Officials

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Mr	Thulani Nisabo	Joe Gqabi	082 809 5044	thulani,ntsabo@ecagriculture.gov.za
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Mr	Sindile Magoda	Sarah Baartman	071 679 2944	sindile.maqoda@ecagriculture.gov.za

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Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2027/28

The Department Agriculture invites all interested subsistence,

smallholder farmers and black commercial farmers of Eastern Cape Province to apply for infrastructure development program of the Department. The program's aim is to support: enterprises with potential to stimulate economic growth and create jobs; improve natural resource management and assist producers towards SA & Global GAP compliances; beneficiaries of land reform's restitution and redistribution; black producers who have acquired land through private means and are engaged in value–adding enterprises domestically or involved in exports; Wards that have been prioritized under the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme and District Corridors. The departmental approach to farmer support is also to encourage the participation of people living with disabilities, youth and women in agriculture it is therefore a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this profile of farmers. Unemployed graduates that meet the criteria below are also encouraged to apply.

Qualifying Applicants

Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged groups residing in the Eastern Cape Province. Involvement of designated groups - youth, women, military veterans and people with disabilities Applicants must provide proof of tenure and are required to attach copies of their title deeds certificates, lease contracts, PTOs, or any proof of tenure.

Applicants on viable units under the communal tenure system are encouraged to apply as an association/commodity group.

Applicants must have access to basic services (Electricity added advantage) There must be proven status of farm Governance Systems

The applicants must demonstrate that the entity will contribute to job creation

The applicants must provide proof of their own contribution towards the intended infrastructure development.

For irrigation infrastructure, the applicant must have water rights for the land, a fully serviced utility bill will be an added advantage.

For an enterprise that requires environmental authorization; only funding for such environmental authorization may be considered, infrastructure development may be considered once authorization is obtained.







Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2027/28

All applications for market and post-harvest infrastructure must be accompanied by proof of production for the past three years together with the details on institutional arrangements. Applications for support with no track record of production, market, and institutional arrangements will not be considered.

The application must contribute towards the transformation of the sector and participation in the formal market

The applicant must have proof of Access to markets.

All smallholder farmers/enterprises must be registered in the Farmer Producer Register (FPR) database of the Department before submitting the application.

Requisite Documents

Application form

Signed List of Beneficiaries

Proof of land ownership / Long term lease agreement aligned to the nature of the commodity (10 to 30 years depending on commodity) / Permission to Occupy

Short project profile

Copy of Identity Documents of the applicant or Executive Committee for Association

Viable business plan for the commodity you are driving

Proof of Operations and Maintenance budget and plan

Community resolution for projects under the communal land tenure system

Institutional Arrangements for market/post-harvest and agro-processing infrastructure

What Can You Apply For

Livestock production infrastructure

Crop production infrastructure

Value adding and processing infrastructure







Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2027/28

Exclusion Criteria

Beneficiaries employed in the public Service
Beneficiaries of a similar program from DALRRD and DoA in the same period
Beneficiaries of the DALRRD post-settlement support in the same period
Non-registration in the FPR database will lead to immediate elimination
Non-disclosure of previous government support towards the enterprise
Non-disclosure of relatives in the public service

Terms and Conditions of Application

Commitment to ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs (assets may be removed if not used productively/misused).

Give the Department access to financial, production and sales records of the business – through participation in the Financial Record Keeping Programme (FRK).

Commitment to allow the Department access to the farm for extension services and monitoring purposes.

Commitment to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.

will be required to sign an agreement with the department committing on operation and maintenance prior to provision of infrastructure.

NB! Applicants who had applied in the last three (3) years for infrastructure support need not to re-apply but rather update information if needs be. DOA is currently dealing with the infrastructure backlog. Applications will be factored into the database, this does not guarantee immediate support for 2027/28.







Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2027/28

Important to note the following

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2.If you do not get feedback from the Department in sixty (60) days after submitting your application, consider your request unsuccessful.

Enquiries can be directed to the following Officials

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Hereby acknowledge that my / our personal and in certain circumstances special personal information is required by the Department of Agriculture in order to process the support which the Department of Agriculture has been mandated to provide and I / we agree to provide such information requested from Department of Agriculture on the express understanding that:

- 1. This constitutes my consent as required in terms of Section 11 (1) (a) of the POPIA 2013.
- 2. The Department of Agriculture officials will access my / our personal information which has been furnished to them for the purposes of the support to be provided and matters ancillary thereto.
- 3. The Department of Agriculture is authorised to release my / our personal information to the South African Revenue Services, other state departments and designated service providers relevant to the support to be provided.
- 4. Department of Agriculture does not intend to share my / our personal information for financial gain.
- 5. I / we acknowledge that my / our contact details will be added to the Producer Farmer Register.
- 6. The Department of Agriculture will store my / our information in accordance with the POPIA prescripts.
- 7. The Department of Agriculture have implemented proper Data Privacy rules in respect of management of client information as well as proper internet usage rules and cyber security principles in order to minimize the risk of my / our information being exposed to cyber risks. I

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acknowledge that I have the opportunity to read through the rules and policies as published on the Department of Agriculture's website and understand that it is my own responsibility to protect my own internet and email connections against interceptions and viruses.

8. I / we confirm that:

- I / we have had the opportunity to review the POPIA policies and rules of the Department of Agriculture.
- I/ we have had the opportunity to ask questions regarding my / our information, why it is collected and how it is processed and where it is stored and with whom it is shared.
- I / we consent to the collection, processing and necessary sharing of my / our information by DOA to fulfil its mandate to render agricultural support to me / us.

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