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Department:
Rural Development & Agrarian Reform
PROVINCE OF THE EASTERN CAPE

Call for applications to participate in the Eastern Cape Crop Production Program 2021/22

The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform 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 youth and women in agriculture. **Therefore, a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this profile of farmers.**

Qualifying Applicants

- Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in the Eastern Cape Province;
- The applicant must have short to long term lease agreement for a minimum of 10 years / legitimate right to use the land is 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;
- Vegetable and Fodder farmers must be irrigating for production. Vegetable can also be produced under environmental controlled systems (Tunnels);

Requisite Documents

- 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 in the case of new applicants and or fallow or virgin lands.
- Proof of availability of funds in the business/association/cooperative bank account

What can you apply for:

- Production inputs for grains, vegetable and fodder.
- Planting mechanisation support.

Excluded from the application

- Beneficiaries of similar program from DALRRD in the same period
- Beneficiaries of the DALRRD post settlement support in the same period
- Applicants who are in full employment or in government payroll system

Terms and Conditions of Application

- The beneficiary must ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs (assets may be removed if not used productively/misused).
- The beneficiary should give the Department access to financial, production and sales records of the business – through participation in the Financial Record Keeping Programme (FRK).
- The beneficiary will allow the Department to have access to the farm for Extension services and monitoring purposes.
- The beneficiary will commit to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.

NB! Application forms are available in all DRDAR Offices and DRDAR Website (www.drdar.gov.za).

Please note that if you have not received a response within 90 days after the closing date of applications, consider your application as unsuccessful.

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The deadline for application forms is 31 August 2021.