

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

## Eastern Cape Crop Production Program 2025/26

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 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 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;  
Vegetable and Lucerne farmers must be irrigating for production. Vegetable can also be produced under environmental controlled systems (Tunnels);  
Appropriately services 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.



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### Exclusion Criteria

Beneficiaries of similar program from DALRRD in the same period

Beneficiaries of the DALRRD

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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**Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2026/27**

The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform 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.



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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



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## Exclusion Criteria

Beneficiaries employed in the public Service

Beneficiaries of a similar program from DALRRD and DRDAR 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. 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. DRDAR is currently dealing with the infrastructure backlog. Applications will be factored into the database, this does not guarantee immediate support for 2026/27.

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



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## Important to note the following

1. 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. DRDAR is currently dealing with the infrastructure backlog. New applications will be factored into the database, this does not guarantee immediate support in 2025/26.
2. Applicants who had applied last year in August 2022 for Food Security support need not to re-apply but rather update information if needs be. DRDAR is currently dealing with the Food Security backlog. New applications will be factored into the database, this does not guarantee immediate support in 2024/25.
3. Applicants who had applied last year in August 2022 for Livestock support need not to re-apply but rather update information if needs be. DRDAR is currently dealing with the Livestock backlog. New applications will be factored into the database, this does not guarantee immediate support in 2024/25.
4. 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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## Eastern Cape Livestock Production Improvement Scheme 2025/26

The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform 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 provision of pure bred bulls and rams. The heifers and ewes 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 residing in the Eastern Cape Province. Applicants to be registered on Producer Farmer Register database or soon after 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





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## 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 DALRRD and DRDAR similar program in the past 6 years  
Beneficiaries of DALRRD 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

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## Household Food Production Program 2025/26

The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform invites all Vulnerable and Subsistence Producers to participate in the Siyazondla home-based garden program. The Vulnerable producers are registered as indigents, or they meet the criteria for registration as indigents with their Municipality or Department of Social Development / Department of Health programs. The Subsistence producers, however, are not or would not be classified as indigents by their municipality. This program aims to support Household Producers of the Eastern Cape to have access to nutritious food. Preference will be given to applicants from OR Tambo Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani and Sarah Baartman as per report by the Human Sciences Research Council, whilst also considering the report by the Human Right Commission of the status of Child Malnutrition in the Province.

### Qualifying Applicants

All producers that produce primarily for household consumption.

Applicants with referral letter from Councilor, Traditional Authority, Social Worker and Local Clinic for the household are also eligible for this support.

The applicant must have access to land for food production

### Requisite Documents

Application form

Proof of land ownership or legitimate right to occupy.

Copy of Identity Documents of applicant

### What Can You Apply For

Food production inputs

Gardening equipment



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### Exclusion Criteria

- Beneficiaries already supported in the crop production program
- Beneficiaries already supported in the smallholder poultry and piggery programs
- Applicants who are not in full employment or in government payroll system
- Beneficiaries already supported by Local Municipality/DALRRD

### Terms and Condition 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 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.

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