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Crop production

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The programme aims to increase crop productivity among subsistence farmers and small holders within the Eastern Cape Province in order to improve food security and reduce poverty.



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The departmental approach to farmer support is also to encourage the participation of youth and women in agriculture and a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this profile of farmers.



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To qualify you must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in the Province, have short to long term legitimate right to use the land and demonstrate capacity to be able to top-up departmental subsidy to achieve optimal yield through a business/association/cooperative account;



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In rural communities, farmers are encouraged to apply as an association or commodity group to qualify.



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Vegetable and Lucerne farmers must be irrigating for production and the vegetable can also be produced under environmental controlled systems, i.e. tunnels to qualify



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The requisite documents include proof of land ownership or legitimate right to occupy the land, short project profile and proof of availability of funds in the business/association/cooperative bank account.



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It is important to have a 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.



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You can apply for production inputs for grains, vegetable and fodder as well as planting mechanisation support.



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Beneficiaries of similar programmes from Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and those of the post settlement support in the same period including government officials do not qualify.



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The beneficiary must ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs or assets may be taken not used productively or misused.



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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).



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The beneficiaries should allow the Department to have access to the farm for Extension services and monitoring purposes and commit to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.



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Application forms are available in all DRDAR Offices and DRDAR Website www.drdar.gov.za and the closing date is \ 31 August 2021.