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MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT



INVITATION

2013/14 MPUMALANGA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MASIBUYELE ESIBAYENI)

The MEC for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Administration, Ms. Violet Siwela invites interested emerging farmers in the Mpumalanga Province to apply for participating in the livestock improvement programme of the province.

Livestock improvement program(LIP) (Masibuyele Esibayeni) is one of the interventions rendered by DARDLA to commercialise livestock production in the province. LIP seeks to enhance the principle of food security, community upliftment, rural development and agrarian reform linked to the Zero Hunger Strategy (ZHS).

Masibuyele Esibayeni is proposed to address the shortage of good quality breeding animals, to instill and encourage the adoption of basic management techniques which are highly ignored by most emerging farmers.

The programme entails loaning of breeding stock to beneficiaries in ratios of 1:25 (bull & heifer project); for dairy cattle 1:50; for small stock (goats and sheep) 1:25 and on pig production 1:10. The equivalent number of livestock that were provided initially shall be returned in a form of offspring to DARDLA for further expansion of the programme to other potential farmers. The loan period is five (5) year and three (3) years for large-stock and small-stock respectively.

REQUIREMENTS

Co-operative will be given first preference

Farmers / co-operatives having land adjacent to each other, amounting to the required hectares are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must be from the previously disadvantaged group residing in Mpumalanga Province. The basic requirements for participating in the project are that sufficient land of 350ha for large stock and 150ha for small stock should be available to accommodate livestock numbers at the recommended rate.

- For dairy there must be a milking parlour available and
- Pigs must have pig houses

Applicants must be in possession of certified proof indicating ownership,

lease rights or use right of the land for the duration of the project (five years) large stock and 3 years (small stock). Farms with rudimentary infrastructure such as fencing, water troughs, loading zone etc will be an added advantage.

Successful applicant will receive 1 performance bull and 25 pregnant heifers, 1 dairy bull and 50 dairy cows, 1 buck and 25 does (goats), 1 ram and 25 ewes (sheep) and 1 boar and 10 sows (pigs) (Breed suitable to the area), for which commitment must be made contractually to adhere to the project conditions for five years on large stock and 3 years on small stock. Beneficiaries will at the end of the five year/ three year term return back in kind to the Department the offspring (progeny) equivalent to the loaned animals.

The selection process will include short-listing of potential beneficiaries, farm assessment, physical interviews and on site visit by the Project Technical committee for verification of information provided by applicants.

Farmers must register with the breeders associations.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Government officials / public office bearers are excluded from participating in the program

Application forms may be accessed from all the Agricultural Municipal Offices in each municipality and/or District Offices of DARDLA through the Agricultural Advisors.

NB: The completed application form/s together with project profiles should be returned / submitted to the local DARDLA Agricultural Municipal Offices to be signed off by the Agricultural Municipal Manager.



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Closing date: 20 September 2013
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