



2025/26  
MPUMALANGA  
LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Land and Environmental Affairs invites interested livestock farmers in the Mpumalanga Province to apply for participating in the Masibuyele Esibayeni Program.

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in Mpumalanga Province, aged 18 and above. The basic requirement for participating in the Programme is availability of sufficient land for the livestock that is being applied for to accommodate livestock numbers at the recommended carrying capacity. The completed application forms should be accompanied by the following attachments:

Certified copies of ID of ALL applicants; valid confirmation of access to land in the form of a title deed or Permission to occupy or long term lease agreement (with 5 or more years) and a business plan or business profile. Small holders and commercial farmers must attach proof of annual income. Applicants must demonstrate ability to create jobs, current markets or off-take agreement and other relevant information about the farm and the applicants. Applicants to attach relevant authorisation documents such as Environmental Impact Assessment (where applicable), biosecurity plans and animal branding/marketing/identification certificates. Applicants should demonstrate the availability of relevant infrastructure for the commodity applied for, such as boundary fencing, water troughs, loading zone, animal handling facilities and proper housing for piggery, poultry and rabbits. Vulnerable groups i.e. women, youth and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. **Other commodities funded are poultry, rabbits, fish and dairy cattle.**

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING LIVESTOCK:

Farmer category/Commodity	Subsistence*	Smallholder*	Commercial*
Beef Cattle	Bulls only (communal)	Up to 1 bull & 25 heifers	Up to 4 Bulls & 100 heifers
Goats	Up to 1 buck + 10 does	Up to 1 bucks & 25 does	Up to 4 Bucks & 100 does
Sheep	Up to 1 ram & 10 ewes	Up to 1 rams & 25 ewes	Up to 4 Rams & 100 ewes
Pigs	Up to 1 boar & 5 sows	Up to 1 boar & 10 sows	Up to 10 Boars & 100 sows

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will include short-listing of potential beneficiaries, site visits by technical team to conduct farm assessment for verification of information provided by applicants. If you have not received a response within 90 days after the closing date please consider your application unsuccessful.

EXCLUSION

Farmers who have received livestock through the MESP in the previous 5 years and have not yet serviced the loan, Public servants, Public Office bearers and minors are excluded.

CONTACTS

Application forms can be collected and submitted manually at the following DARDLEA Offices:  
**Bohlabela:** District Office at 101 Main Road, Thulamahashe 1365; Mr. M.E Mthethwa 072 470 5088  
**Ehlanzeni:** District Office at 4 Aqua Street Block 4 Riverside Office Park Nelspruit 1200; Mr. J.E Lamula 082 696 3542  
**Gert Sibande:** District Office at 44 Church Street Ermelo 2350; Mr. D Nembilwi 082 575 2244  
**Nkangala:** District Office at Building 16, Government complex Kwamhlanga 1022; Dr. M.W Thamaga 082 309 1419  
**General Enquiries:** Ms PNZ Mpangane 082 805 1076

CLOSING DATE : 09 OCTOBER 2025



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Total number of farmers/project members  (Attach certified ID copies for all members)

Men  Women

Youth  People living with disability

## SECTION B: FARM DETAILS

Farm Name (as it appears on title deed)

Total land size (ha)  Natural grazing (ha)  Planted pasture (ha)

Arable (ha)  and Plantations (ha)

District:

Local Municipality:

Area Name:

Ward Number

GPS Coordinates:

Type of Land Access: (Please tick the appropriate box)

☐ Own ☐ Lease ☐ Communal

If Lease Agreement indicate period of lease in years \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach proof of land access (lease agreements or title deeds or Permission to occupy)**

## SECTION C: FARM INFRASTRUCTURE:

Boundary Fence: (tick appropriate box)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Grazing Camps: (tick appropriate box)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Condition of Fences: (tick appropriate box)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Water Sources:

River ☐ Yes ☐ No Streams ☐ Yes ☐ No Windmill ☐ Yes ☐ No Borehole ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other water sources \_\_\_\_\_ Please specify

Kraals ☐ Yes ☐ No      Crush pens ☐ Yes ☐ No      Dipping facilities ☐ Yes ☐ No

Condition of kraals and handling infrastructure: *(tick appropriate box)*

☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D: LIVESTOCK HOUSING

**Complete section D only if applying for:** *(tick appropriate box)*

☐ poultry    ☐ pigs    ☐ rabbits

Capacity of houses: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of housing

☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

Feeders and drinkers ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Heating available ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Brief description of the housing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***(tick appropriate box)***

Appropriate steel cages for layers ☐ Yes    ☐ No *(skip if not applying for egg layers)*

Appropriate steel cages for rabbits ☐ Yes    ☐ No *(skip if not applying for rabbits)*

Brief description of cages including dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Storage facilities for feeds ☐ Yes    ☐ No    Condition of storage ☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Poor

Biosecurity Plan available ☐ Yes ☐ No *(please attach copy)*

## SECTION E: DAIRY INFRASTRUCTURE

**Complete this section if applying for dairy cattle or goats**

Details of available machinery and facilities for dairy: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Milking capacity in litres per day: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of storage tanks in litres/ Kilolitres: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D: LIVESTOCK HOUSING

**Complete section D only if applying for:** *(tick appropriate box)*

☐poultry ☐pigs ☐rabbits

Capacity of houses: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of housing

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Feeders and drinkers ☐Yes ☐No

Heating available ☐Yes ☐No

Brief description of the housing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***(tick appropriate box)***

Appropriate steel cages for layers ☐Yes ☐No *(skip if not applying for egg layers)*

Appropriate steel cages for rabbits ☐Yes ☐No *(skip if not applying for rabbits)*

Brief description of cages including dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Storage facilities for feeds ☐Yes ☐No Condition of storage ☐Excellent ☐Good ☐Fair ☐Poor

Biosecurity Plan available ☐Yes ☐No *(please attach copy)*

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**Complete this section if applying for dairy cattle or goats**

Details of available machinery and facilities for dairy: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Milking capacity in litres per day: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of storage tanks in litres/ Kilolitres: \_\_\_\_\_

Milk Sold *(tick appropriate box)*

☐raw ☐processed

Type of planted pastures: \_\_\_\_\_

Available feeds: Type and Quantities \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION F: AQUACULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE

**Complete this section if applying for fish**

Details of available dams, ponds and facilities for fish farming: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Production capacity in tons per annum: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Attach EIA report if more than 20 tons/annum)*

Fish Sold: *(tick appropriate box)*

☐ unprocessed ☐ processed

Markets: \_\_\_\_\_

Feed storage facilities: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION G: CURRENT NUMBER OF STOCK ON THE FARM

**Health records of current stock to be made available when requested by the department, especially vaccination history, TB and Brucellosis test results. Please indicate the numbers below, put 0 if none**

Beef Cattle: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeding Bulls: \_\_\_\_\_ Steers: \_\_\_\_\_ Cows/ Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_

Dairy Cattle: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeding Bulls: \_\_\_\_\_ Cows/ Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_

Goats: \_\_\_\_\_ Bucks: \_\_\_\_\_ Does: \_\_\_\_\_

Sheep: \_\_\_\_\_ Rams: \_\_\_\_\_ Ewes: \_\_\_\_\_

Pigs: \_\_\_\_\_ Boars: \_\_\_\_\_ Sows: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_ Bucks: \_\_\_\_\_ Does: \_\_\_\_\_

Poultry \_\_\_\_\_ Broilers per 6 week cycle: \_\_\_\_\_ Layers: \_\_\_\_\_ Free range: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm infrastructure capable to quarantine/ separate current stock from new animals ☐ Yes ☐ No

Livestock Brand mark *(tick appropriate box & attach copy)*

☐ Yes ☐ No

Any additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

***I hereby declare that the above-mentioned information is true and correct and acknowledge that any misleading information provided will lead to disqualification.***

Signature of applicant / representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agricultural Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Agricultural Municipal Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office Stamp

## Checklist for application documents

ITEM/DOCUMENT	Subsistence farmers	Smallholder farmers	Commercial farmers	Tick (checklist)
Fully completed application forms	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Certified ID copies of all applicants	Attach	Attach	Attach	
Legal entity document (CK, Coop certificate & etc if applying as a group)	Attach	Attach	Attach	
Proof of land access (Title deed/ lease contract (5 or more years)/ PTO/RTO)	Attach	Attach	Attach	
Business plan/Business profile	Profile	Plan	Plan	
Proof of farming income	N/A	Attach	Attach	
Markets/off take agreement	N/A	Attach	Attach	
Brand mark certificate	N/A	Attach	Attach	
IA (Authorisation or exemption if applicable)	N/A	Attach	Attach	
Biosecurity plan (if applicable)	N/A	Attach	Attach	

**Completed application with attachments as per table above to be submitted at the nearest DARDLEA office**

## DEFINATION OF FARMER CATEGORY

**“Subsistence farmer”** practices agriculture mainly for household food security. These producers are not classified as indigents by their municipality and they produce mainly for household consumption. They may market limited surplus production with an annual turnover of up to R50,000 per annum

**“Smallholder farmer”** produces for household consumption and markets, with an annual turnover ranging from R50 001 to R1 000 000.00 per annum aspiring to produce for markets and make profit.

**“Commercial producer”** a commercial operation defined as an established farming venture undertaken by an individual or business entity for the purpose of production and sale of agricultural products to make a profit. The farm income must exceed R1 000 000.00 per annum