The property/ies is/are suitable for various types of land use. Prospective farmers interested in leasing properties from the state are encouraged to apply.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be Africans, Indians and Coloureds, who are South African citizens. The African in this context includes persons from the first nations of South Africa.
- Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a valid South African barcoded identity document.
- Priority within the target groups shall be given to Women and Persons with Disabilities.
- Applicants must indicate their current farming area, e.g., communal or commonage, if any.
- The successful applicant must be willing to stay on the farm full time for the duration of the lease contract.
- Applicants must indicate the farming resources they have or submit proof of access to resources for the farming operation as own contribution; i.e., capital, equipment, biological assets, etc.
- 3 – 5 years farming experience will be an added advantage.

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES.

- Completion of the application form.
- In the case of a natural person: A certified copy of the applicant’s barcoded South African ID.
- In the case of a juristic person: An unabridged legal entity registration certificate and a resolution appointing the representative.
- A signed declaration form indicating that the applicant is not a public servant or a public office bearer.
- Applicants are expected to attend farm orientations and evaluation interview/s at the time and place determined by the department.
- All successful applicants will be required to undergo a skills assessment to identify skills gaps, which the department will assist with the necessary training.
- The application should indicate the number of livestock that the applicant owns, and their livestock-branding certificate, where applicable.
- Crop farmer registration certificates and or affidavits must be attached in cases of crop farming.
- Applicants are expected to attend the compulsory briefing session at Dhone Research Station, Stutterheim, at 10:00 AM and farm orientations on 19 April 2022.
- If shortlisted, you will be required to avail yourself and your livestock for verification purposes and attend evaluation interviews at the time and place determined by the department.
- If not contacted 90 days after the closing date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful.
Government employees and politicians holding public office do not qualify.

For more information, please visit www.dalrrd.gov.za or visit and/or call the DALRRD departmental office (Eastern Cape: Permanent Bank Building, 3rd Floor, 42 Terminus Street, East London). Applicants can also contact Xoliswa Mzilikazi on 082 827 6023 or 076 793 1603, respectively, for more information.

Manual application forms may be downloaded from the department’s website, obtained from the nearest office of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

Applications accompanied by business proposals must be hand-delivered to the departmental offices no later than 29 April 2022 at 16:00. All applications must be hand-delivered, and applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants who have previously applied are encouraged to re-apply.

Special COVID-19 provisions
To adhere to the COVID-19 regulations, the following rules shall apply:
- All compulsory farm orientations will be arranged in phases to comply with the prescribed numbers in terms of the Disaster Management Act Regulations. The office will telephonically inform each applicant of the relevant timeslot applicable to them, i.e., morning or afternoon session to avoid overcrowding.
- All applicants must wear face masks.
- Social distancing will be observed during the farm inspection.
- Applicants must adhere to full screening on the day of the inspection.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development reserves the right not to award.

CLOSING DATE: 29 April 2022 at 16h00