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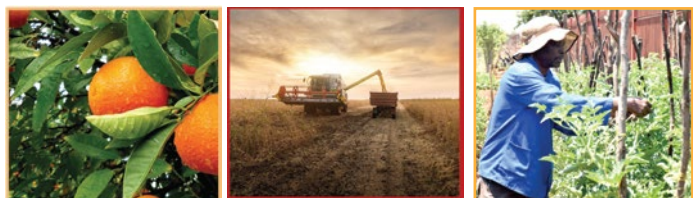
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**DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
NATIONAL TREASURY JOBS FUND**

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DAFF in partnership with the National Treasury Jobs Fund invites applications from farmers / producers to be supported through the DAFF / Jobs Fund Programme. The main objective of this initiative is to commercialise smallholder farmers / producers as indicated below. Through this fund, farmers / producers must be able to expand their production and create new sustainable decent jobs thereby contributing to food security and economic growth.

The targeted number of jobs to be created under this initiative is **1715 new permanent fulltime, 3720 new seasonal and 48 short term**. The Funding will be allocated as 50% grant and 50% loan. The project loan portion will be administered by Land Bank. **The farmers/ producers are expected to pay back the loan portion at 7.5% interest.**

The specific targeted commodities and Agro-processing enterprises to be supported (These exclude land acquisition) are the following:

Commodity	Specific Enterprise & Products
Livestock	Beef, Sheep, Goats, Piggery, Poultry
Horticulture	Vegetables, Macadamia, Citrus
Industrial Crops	Cotton

Minimum Requirements

- Smallholder farmers/producers must have a minimum turnover of R200 000 per annum (produce financial records).
- South African Certified ID copy; not older than 3 months.
- Valid confirmation of land tenure/ownership (title deeds, Tribal Resolution, Permission to occupy, minimum 10 years lease agreement).
- Already farming and indicating the ability to expand.
- Feasible Business plan.
- Copy of business registration documents and business bank account.
- Must produce Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Ability and commitment to repay the loan portion.
- Demonstrate ability to create new permanent and seasonal jobs (provide 1 pager summary with evidence, at least a minimum of 40 jobs).
- Be willing to host and supervise at least one intern for a period of 1 year(Commitment letter).
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Certificate where necessary for the operation (EIA certificate or proof of application).
- Proof of access to water for irrigation in case of fruits, nuts and vegetables (water license/ rights or proof that it had been applied for, borehole or other sources).
- Government Employees excluded.



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African, Indian and Coloured owned farming businesses are encouraged to apply. The applications will be evaluated in line with the agreed selection criteria and the financial due diligence processes of the Land Bank. Farming businesses that have representation of women, youth and people with disabilities will have an added advantage.

Applications forms are available at Both National and Provincial Departments of Agriculture offices as well as at DAFF website: www.daff.gov.za. **Completed application forms with the supporting documents must be submitted to nearest Provincial Department of Agriculture offices.**

Disclaimer: due to limitation of funds not all qualifying farmers will be funded.

Closing Date for the application is 15 January 2020 by 16h00. Late applications will not be considered.

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