LIMPOPO
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENTAL ANNUAL REPORT TO CITIZENS – 2025/26

VISION

United, prosperous and productive agricultural sector for sustainable rural communities.

MISSION

To promote food security and economic growth through sustainable agricultural development.

CORE VALUES

As a Department we value:

- **Professionalism**: We deliver excellent work with positive attitude using best practice in a professional approach;
- **Integrity**: We act in an ethical manner with trust, honesty, reliability and credibility;
- **Innovation**: We continuously introduce new ways of doing our work;
- **Caring**: We want the best for our clients and staff, treat them with respect and empathy whilst embracing diversity; and
- **Teamwork**: We believe in the “together we can do more” philosophy through shared visionary leadership.

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The budget received by the Department for 2025/26 will be utilized to contribute to the achievement of outcomes of the organization as articulated in the LDARD Strategic Plan 2025– 2030:

- Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain;
- Increased skills base of the agricultural sector;
- Adopted climate smart agriculture technologies;
- Enhanced research and development;
- Increased primary production;
- Increased youth support interventions to contribute towards reduction of youth unemployment; and
- Good Governance and Service Excellence.

ACRONYMS

ARC	Agricultural Research Council
BEE	Black Economic Empowerment
CA	Conservation Agriculture
CARA	Conservation of Agricultural Resource Act
CASP	Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme
CRDP	Comprehensive Rural Development Programme
CottonSA	Cotton South Africa
DALRRD	Department of Land Reform and Rural Development
DFFE	Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment

EPWP	Extended Public Works Programme
FMD	Foot and Mouth Disease
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIS	Geographic Information System
HoD	Head of Department
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
LDP	Limpopo Development Plan
LDARD	Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
LED	Limpopo Economic Development
LIRDS	Limpopo Integrated Rural Development Strategy
LITS	Livestock Identification and Traceability System
MEC	Member of Executive Council
MPL	Member of Provincial Legislature
PAPA	Performing Animals Protecting Act
PBS	Programme and Budget Structures
SALA	Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES

The agricultural sector adopted a uniform Programme and Budget Structures (PBS) that reflect the minimum number of programmes for the 2025/26 financial year. The activities of the Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (LDARD) are organized in the following eight programmes:

PROGRAMME	SUB-PROGRAMME
1. ADMINISTRATION	1.1 Office of the MEC
	1.2 Senior Management
	1.3 Corporate Services
	1.4 Financial Management
	1.5 Communication and Liaison Services
2. SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE USE AND MANAGEMENT	2.1 Agricultural Engineering Services
	2.2 LandCare
	2.3 Land Use Management
	2.4 Disaster Risk Reduction
3. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT	3.1 Producer Support Services
	3.2 Extension and Advisory Services
	3.3 Food Security
4. VETERINARY SERVICES	4.1 Animal Health
	4.2 Veterinary International Trade Facilitation
	4.3 Veterinary Public Health
	4.4 Veterinary Diagnostic Services
	4.4 Veterinary Technical Support Services
5. RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	5.1 Agricultural Research
	5.2 Technology Transfer Services
	5.3 Research Infrastructure Support Services
6. AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SERVICES	6.1 Production Economics and Marketing Support
	6.2 Agro-Processing Support
	6.3 Macro-Economics Support
7. AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING	7.1 Higher Education and Training
	7.2 Agricultural Skills Development
8. RURAL DEVELOPMENT	8.1 Rural Development Coordination
	8.2 Social Facilitation

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

The Honourable **R.B. Makamu, MPL** is the Member of the Executive Council for Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Head of Department **Ms. M.A. Mashamba**, who is the Accounting Officer, is appointed to ensure that the department implements policies efficiently and effectively.

OUR CORE SERVICES AND HOW WE MET THEM

The Annual Report to Citizens only provide progress on core services.

Programme 1: Administration is fully reported in the Departmental Annual Report for 2025/26, and therefore not discussed in this report.

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.1: AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide engineering support according to industry standards regarding irrigation, on-farm mechanization, value adding, farm structures and resource conservation management.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Agricultural infrastructure established.	2.1.1 Number of agricultural infrastructure established	51	59	8	Additional funding received to implement disaster relief scheme projects. Materials procured in 2024\25 for the red meat commodities were utilised to complete projects during the year under review

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
	Norms and standards for infrastructure projects	2.1.2 Norms and standards for infrastructure projects developed	1	1	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.2: LANDCARE

The purpose of the sub-programme is to promote the sustainable use and management of natural agricultural resources by engaging in community-based initiatives that support sustainability (social, economic, and environmental), leading to improved productivity, food security, job creation and agro-ecosystems.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Climate smart agriculture technologies	Hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated	2.2.1 Number of hectares of agricultural land rehabilitated	1 500	1 969,37	469,37	Additional rehabilitation was done due to the effects of floods in Mopani. Reprioritization of budget assisted in availability of additional funds for EPWP workers employed for the land rehabilitation program

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
	Hectares cultivated fields under Conservation Agriculture practises	2.2.2 Number of hectares of cultivated land under Conservation Agriculture practises	700	956,12	256,12	Training conducted by Agricultural Research Council on Conservation Agriculture (CA) for sorghum promoted cultivation and adoption of CA practices
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Green jobs created	2.2.3 Number of green jobs created	1 550	2 457	907	Additional allocation of budget for EPWP led to the overachievement
	Sustainable resource management practices adopted	2.2.4 Number of LandCare training sessions conducted	25	37	12	Additional training was conducted due to increased EPWP funding, which resulted in the recruitment of additional workers
Climate smart agricultural technologies	Agro-ecosystems initiatives implemented	2.2.5 Number of communities adopting LandCare practices	110	112	2	Additional training conducted by ARC for bankrupt bush control and Mass-Rearing for biocontrol agents
		2.2.6 Number of producers using	550	610	60	Training by ARC on climate smart technology for sorghum led an

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
		climate smart technologies				increased adoption of technologies by producers
		2.2.7 Number of hectares cleared of alien invasive plants	1 500	1 721,83	221,83	Reprioritization of budget assisted in availability of additional funds for EPWP workers employed in clearing of alien invasive plants
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Compliant water source	2.2.8 Number of dams distilled	15	15	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.3: LAND USE MANAGEMENT

The purpose of the sub-programme is to promote the preservation, sustainable use, and management of agricultural land through the administration of Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA), Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act (SALA), and Fencing Act.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
	Agro-ecosystems	2.3.1 Number of agro-	5	5	0	None

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Climate smart agriculture technologies	management plans developed	ecosystems management plans developed				
	Farm management plans developed	2.3.2 Number of farm management plans developed	15	15	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 2.4: DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide agricultural disaster risk reduction (prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and relief) support services to producers and other clients.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Climate smart agriculture technologies	Awareness on disaster risk reduction conducted	2.4.1 Number of awareness campaigns on disaster risk reduction conducted	25	34	9	Additional awareness campaigns due to warnings issued for extreme weather

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	Surveys on uptake for early warning information conducted	2.4.2 Number of surveys on uptake for early warning information conducted	20	23	3	Increased uptake on early warning information in response to extreme weather warnings
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Farmers assisted through disasters relief schemes	2.4.3 Number of disaster relief schemes managed	1	2	1	Extra scheme was implemented due to floods experienced in Q4.
		2.4.4 Number of farmers assisted through disaster relief schemes	650	2 102	1 452	Production inputs for frost affected farmers were purchased in Q4 of 2024/25 and were distributed in Q1 of 2025/26. More producers were assisted with fodder due to sufficient budget
	GIS products developed.	2.4.5 Number of GIS products developed to inform planning	4	4	0	None

PROGRAMME 3: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the programme is to provide support to producers through agricultural development programmes. Enable and support transformation of the agriculture sector to actively contribute to economic growth, inclusion, equality, and the creation of decent work. Increase food production through producers support and development initiatives.

SUB – PROGRAMME 3.1: PRODUCER SUPPORT SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide producer support services for sustainable agricultural development in line with the National Policy on Comprehensive Producer Development Support.

Outcomes, outputs, output indictors, targets and actual achievements

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased primary production	Smallholder producers supported	3.1.1 Number of smallholder producers supported	655	724	69	More farmers supported in addressing the aftermath of heavy rains.
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Subsistence producers supported	3.1.2 Number of subsistence producers supported	10 010	10 621	611	More farmers supported in addressing the aftermath of heavy rains
	Production across the	3.1.3 Number of producers supported in the	1	2	1	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
	agriculture value chain	Cotton Commodity				measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop losses for producers
		3.1.4 Number of producers supported in the Citrus Commodity	25	42	17	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop losses for producers
		3.1.5 Number of producers supported in the Red Meat Commodity	3 430	3 652	222	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise livestock losses for producers
		3.1.6 Number of producers supported in the	4 321	4 469	148	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
		Grain Commodity				for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop losses for producers
		3.1.7 Number of producers supported in the Vegetable Commodity	2 045	2 782	737	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop losses for producers
		3.1.8 Number of producers supported in the Sub- trop Commodity	43	63	20	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop losses for producers
	Producers capacitated on	3.1.9 Number of farmers trained	1 404	1 344	60	Scheduled training program halted due

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Increased skills base of the agricultural sector	soft and technical skills	through Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP)				unavailability of farmers to be trained
		3.1.10 Number of Mentorship programmes facilitated	25	25	0	None
Increased youth support interventions to contribute towards reduction of youth unemployment	Unemployed graduates maintained on agricultural enterprises	3.1.11 Number of programmes for unemployed graduates monitored	1	1	0	None
		3.1.12 Number of producers supported with Technical Advisory Services	9 760	9 246	514	Heavy rains in quarter 3 and 4 interrupted services during planting season

SUB-PROGRAMME 3.2: EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to promote knowledge transfer and skills development as the foundation for equitable, productive, competitive, profitable, and sustainable agricultural value chain enterprises.

Outcomes, outputs, output indictors, targets and actual achievements

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Producers supported with agricultural advice	3.2.1 Number of producers capacitated through demonstrations	2 883	3 181	298	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop or livestock losses for producers
		3.2.2 Number of farmers days facilitated	142	158	16	Heavy rains during quarter 3 and 4 necessitated support for preventative measures for management of parasites infestation to minimise crop or livestock losses for producers

SUB-PROGRAMME 3.3: FOOD SECURITY

The purpose of the sub-programme is to support, advise and coordinate the implementation of National Policy on Food and Nutrition Security.

Outcomes, outputs, output indictors, targets and actual achievements

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Household agricultural production initiatives support	3.3.1 Number of households supported with agricultural food production initiatives	2 500	2 500	0	None

PROGRAMME 4: VETERINARY SERVICES

The purpose of the programme is to provide veterinary services to clients to ensure healthy animals, sustainable and profitable animal production enterprises, safe trade in animals and products of animal origin and the wellbeing of animals and the public.

SUB-PROGRAMME 4.1: ANIMAL HEALTH

The purpose of the sub-programme is to facilitate and provide animal health services to protect the animals and public against identified zoonotic and diseases of economic importance, promote primary animal health and welfare programs / projects, resulting in a favourable zoo-sanitary status that maintains consumer confidence in products of animal origin and enables the export of animals and products of animal origin.

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Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Biosecurity policies and strategies strengthened	4.1.1 Number of samples collected for targeted animal disease surveillance	5 032	11 549	6 517	More samples collected following FMD outbreak
		4.1.2 Number of visits to epidemiological units for veterinary interventions	8 800	12 314	3 514	More units visited in response of FMD outbreak
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Improved animal herd Health	4.1.3. Number of dipping sessions on communal cattle	2 200	4 412	2 212	Additional dipping sessions as incentive to increase turnout at FMD inspection points
		4.1.4 Number of FMD vaccination sessions conducted	222	857	635	More FMD vaccination sessions in response of outbreak

SUB-PROGRAMME 4.2: VETERINARY INTERNATIONAL TRADE FACILITATION

The purpose of the sub-programme is to facilitate the import and export of animals, products of animal origin and related products through certification and health status.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Biosecurity policies and strategies strengthened	4.2.1 Number of veterinary certificates issued for export facilitation	1 400	1 564	164	Access to new export markets to Mauritius & Seychelles. Seven new facilities registered for export

SUB-PROGRAMME 4.3: VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

The purpose of the sub-programme is to promote safety of meat and meat products.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2025	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased primary production	Reduce level of risks associated with food	4.3.1 Number of inspections conducted on facilities producing meat	460	460	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 4.4: VETERINARY DIAGNOSTICS SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide veterinary diagnostics and investigative services that support and promote animal health and production towards the provision of safe food.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased primary production	Reduce level of risks associated with food	4.4.1 Number of laboratory tests performed according to approved standards	33 000	41 893	8 893	More tests performed due to large number of FMD samples submitted.

SUB-PROGRAMME 4.5: VETERINARY TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The purpose of this sub-programme is to provide veterinary ancillary support service that addresses and promotes the welfare of animals, animal identification and advisory services.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased primary production	Address and promotes the welfare of animals,	4.5.1 Number of Performing Animals Protection Act	15	33	18	Increased requests from clients applying for security tenders

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
	animal identification and advisory services	(PAPA) registration licenses issued.				

PROGRAMME 5: RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The purpose of the programme is to provide expert, problem focused and client centric agricultural research, technology development and transfer impacting on development.

SUB-PROGRAMME 5.1: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The purpose of the sub-programme is to improve agricultural production through conducting, facilitating, and coordinating research and technology development.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Enhanced research and development	Research projects implemented	5.1.1 Number of research projects implemented to improve agricultural production	12	12	0	None

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Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Production stock provided	5.1.2 Number of breeding livestock provided to farmers	200	201	1	An additional ram was available for Re-Sale.
	Production stock provided	5.1.3 Number of fish stock provided to farmers	10 000	10 000	0	None
	Seed projects certified	5.1.4 Number of projects provided with technical support to achieve seed certification	1	1	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 5.2: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to disseminate information on research and technology developed to clients, peers, scientific community, and relevant stakeholders.

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Enhanced research and development	Scientific papers published	5.2.1 Number of scientific papers published	8	13	5	More Scientific Papers were approved and published due to improved quality.
	Research presented at peer review events	5.2.2 Number of research presentations made at peer review events	15	26	11	More research abstracts were accepted for presentation at peer review events due to improved quality.
	Research presented at technology transfer events	5.2.3 Number of research presentations made at technology transfer events	20	79	59	Demand driven, and more request submitted by the farmers and invitation by other stakeholders to participate.
	New technologies developed for smallholder producers	5.2.4 Number of new technologies developed for the smallholder producers	1	1	0	None
Enhanced research and development	Demonstration trials conducted	5.2.5 Number of demonstration trials conducted	10	10	0	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 5.3: RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT SERVICES

The purpose of this sub-programme is to manage and maintain research infrastructure facilities (research farms, laboratories) and provide support services to perform its research and technology transfer functions.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Enhanced research and development	Research infrastructure managed	5.3.1 Number of research infrastructure managed	2	2	0	None

PROGRAMME 6: AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS SERVICES

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide timely and relevant agricultural economic services to ensure equitable participation in the economy.

SUB-PROGRAMME 6.1 PRODUCTION ECONOMICS AND MARKETING SUPPORT

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide production economics and marketing services to agri-businesses.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Agri-businesses supported with market access	6.1.1 Number of agribusinesses supported with marketing services	160	189	29	Livestock auctions held in partnership with BKB in Sekhukhune District attracted more agribusinesses

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
						More winter and summer crops attracted formal markets
		6.1.2 Number of clients supported with production economic services	3 000	3 249	249	Additional clients were supported with information sessions organized by other stakeholders (LED Forums, Department of Land Rural and Rural Development, and Commodity Associations
	Agri-businesses supported with Black Economic Empowerment (BEE)	6.1.3 Number of agri-business supported with Black Economic Empowerment advisory services	3	3	None	None
		6.1.4 Number of Agri-businesses supported with commercialization services	50	50	None	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 6.2: AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT

The purpose of the sub-programme is to facilitate agro-processing initiatives to ensure participation in the value chain.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Agri-businesses supported	6.2.1 Number of agri-businesses supported with agro-processing initiatives	5	5	None	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 6.3: MACROECONOMICS SUPPORT

The purpose of the sub-programme to provide economic and statistical information on the performance of the agricultural sector to inform planning and decision-making.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Economic reports	6.3.1 Number of economic reports compiled	36	36	None	None

PROGRAMME 7: AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The purpose of the programme is to provide and facilitate structured and vocational agricultural education and training to establish a knowledgeable, prosperous and competitive sector.

SUB-PROGRAMME 7.1: HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide and facilitate accredited vocational agricultural qualification.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased skills base of the agricultural sector	Skilled participants and employable graduates in the sector	7.1.1 Number of students graduated with agricultural qualification	80	110	30	Students who could not complete their qualifications in the academic year graduated in 2026
	Revitalised Colleges of Agriculture	7.1.2 ICT pillar of colleges revitalisation plan implemented	Implement ICT pillar	Implemented ICT Pillar	None	None

SUB-PROGRAMME 7.2: AGRICULTURAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the sub-programme is to provide and facilitate formal and non-formal agricultural skills development through structured vocational education and training programmes.

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased skills base of the agricultural sector	Skilled Producers	7.2.1 Number of participants trained in skills development programmes in the sector.	500	567	67	Overachievement is a result of additional training conducted per request from Ga-Selwana Community at Mopani District and more farmers attending training than planned.

PROGRAMME 8: RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

The purpose of the programme is to facilitate and coordinate the planning and implementation of the integrated rural development program in line with the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP), Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP), Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and the Limpopo Integrated Rural Development Strategy (LIRDS). The programme will work with all key stakeholders in order to ensure that government and its social partners delivers a sustainable and efficient rural development service to all rural communities.

SUB-PROGRAMME 8.1: RURAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION

Outcomes, Outputs, Output Indicators, Targets and Actual Achievements

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Agricultural marketing infrastructure developed (Agro-processing and Value Adding)	8.1.1 Number of Farm Assessments conducted	40	44	4	Additional Farm Assessments were conducted in response to requests from DLRRD on land acquisition and re-allocation of state land.
		8.1.2 Number of lease agreements facilitated	8	10	2	Additional Lease Agreements were facilitated at the request of farm owners.

SUB-PROGRAMME 8.2: SOCIAL FACILITATION

Outcomes, outputs, output indictors, targets and actual achievements

Outcome/s	Output/s	Output Indicator/s	Planned Annual Target 2025/2026	Actual Achievement 2025/2026	Deviation from planned target to Actual Achievement 2024/2026	Reasons for deviations
Increased participation of producers in the integrated value chain	Agricultural marketing infrastructure developed (Agro-processing and Value Adding)	8.2.1 Number of stakeholder engagements established for post settlement support	15	15	None	None

STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT DURING 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR

The total number of employees in the Department when categorized according to population group statistics was as follows:

MALES AND FEMALES

AFRICAN MALES: 917	COLOURED MALES: 0	INDIAN MALES: 1	WHITE MALES: 9
AFRICAN FEMALES: 1054	COLOURED FEMALES: 1	INDIAN FEMALES: 2	WHITE FEMALES: 7

FOREIGNERS

MALE	FEMALE
0	0

DISABILITY

MALE	FEMALE
20	17

ETHNOLOGICAL DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Asian	Coloured	Ndebele	North Ndebele	North Sotho	Other Blacks	Pedi	Shangaan	Shangaan-Tsonga	Shona	Sotho
3	1	14	0	446	0	510	21	0	0	27

South Ndebele	South Sotho	Swazi	Tsonga	Tswana	Unspecified	Venda	Whites	Xhosa	Zulu	TOTAL
0	9	12	218	50	287	371	16	8	9	**1936**

OUR BUDGET

Our financial expenditure for the financial year 2025/26 was as follows:

ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION	2024/25 R'000	2025/26 R'000
Compensation for employees	1 026 611	**1 093 307**
Goods and Services	533 834	**600 829**
Province & Municipalities	568	**674**
Public Corporations & Private Enterprises	23 000	**15 480**
Households	28 655	**29 720**
Buildings & other Fix Structures	170 772	**167 242**
Machinery & Equipment	22 559	**44 605**
Payment for financial assets	5	**-**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	**1 810 801**	**1 951 857**

WHERE CAN WE BE FOUND?

We can be found at the following Centres:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS	POSTAL ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT DETAILS	X (Decimal Degrees)	Y (Decimal Degrees)	EMAIL ADDRESS
HEAD OFFICE 67/69 Biccard Street Polokwane	Private bag X9487 Polokwane, 0700	Ms. Ramoshaba MA	015 294 3204 082 8825825	29,5528	-23,90698	RamoshabaMA@agric.limpopo.gov.za
CAPRICORN DISTRICT Public Works Building Zone A. Lebowakgomo Next to Testing Grounds/ Traffic Department	Private Bag X28 Chuenespoort, 0745	Acting District Director: Mr. Madigoe TS	015 632 8636 082 606 5606	29,86080	-24,75409	MadigoeTS@agric.limpopo.gov.za
CAPRICORN NORTH-WESTERN Senwabarwana Agricultural Offices Next to Magistrate Office	Private Bag X 5072 Bochum 0790	Mr Makgatho RT	015 223 7084 0716043821	29,148861	-23,300802	MakgatoRT@agric.limpopo.gov.za
CAPRICORN EAST Stand no. 2274 Botlokwa Sefene	Stand no. 2274 Botlokwa Sefene 0812	Acting Agro-Ecological Zone Head: Mr Sekgobela SF	060 5430639 No Landline	29,140092	-23,287213	SekgobelaSF@agric.limpopo.gov.za
CAPRICORN SOUTH Public Works Building, Zone A Lebowakgomo, Next to Testing Grounds/ Traffic Department	Private Bag X 08 Chuenespoort 0745	Mr. Mogano MW	015 632 8600 0716041610	29,86080	-24,75409	MoganoMW@agric.limpopo.gov.za

SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT Public Works Building, Zone A, Lebowakgomo next to testing ground/ Traffic Dept.	Private Bag X01 Chuenespoort, 0745	Mr. Maboa HM	015 632 7000 0609672285	29,86080	-24,75409	maboah@agric.limpopo.gov.za
SEKHUKHUNE WEST No.3 3rd Ave, Mercia Gouws Building, Marble Hall, 0450	Private Bag X9633 Marble Hall 0450	Mr. Ramushu MJ	015 261 1066 0826077608	29,300604	-24,920408	ramushum@agric.limpopo.gov.za
SEKHUKHUNE EAST Schoonoord Next to Magistrate Office	Private Bag X1201 Sekhukhune 1124	Ms. Masemola MG	0826066891 No Landline	30,007829	-24,743494	MasemolaMG@agric.limpopo.gov.za
SEKHUKHUNE SOUTH CENTRAL Public Works Building, next to Magistrate Office, Nebo, 1059	Private Bag X125 Nebo 1059	Ms. Raseala MJ	015 632 7000 0605430620	29,76224	-24,906278	rasealamj@agric.limpopo.gov.za
WATERBERG DISTRICT Crn Thabo Mbeki and River Street, NTK Building, 1st Floor, Modimole, 0510	Private bag X 1048, Modimolle, 0510	Mr. Mashiane RL	014 717 2523 0799848870	28,401128	-24,676981	MashianeRL@agric.limpopo.gov.za
WATERBERG SOUTH CENTRAL R516 Settlers Rd, Towoomba	P.O. Box 1811 Bela Bela 0480	Mr. Mashiane RL	014 717 2523 0799848870	28,31246	-24,85015	MashianeRL@agric.limpopo.gov.za

WATERBERG EAST 89 Van Rhyneveld Street, Modimolle, 0510.	Private Bag 1048 Modimolle 0510.	Ms Bornman M	014 717 4729 0722877126	28,411478	-24,696097	bornmanm@agric.limpopo.gov.za
WATERBERG WEST Cnr. Chris Hani & Grootgeluk Street, Lephalale, 0555	Private Bag 209 Ellisrus 0555	Ms Malete T. B	014 7634188 0766188685	27,55899	-23,627017	MaleteTB@agric.limpopo.gov.za
WATERBERG NORTH Cnr Thabo Mbeki & Geyser Street, Mokopane, 0600	Private Bag X2455 Potgietersrus 0600	Ms. Lubuku DC	0826066564 No landline	29,012146	-24,18575	lubukudc@agric.limpopo.gov.za
VHEMBE DISTRICT Makwarela Government Buildings, Sibasa	Private Bag x2247 Sibasa 0970	Mr. Mariba ML	015 963 1260 0763127349	30,487204	-22,907532	maribaML@agric.limpopo.gov.za
VHEMBE FAR NORTH Cnr Hvd Merwe & Moster Street, Musina	Private Bag x609 Musina, 0900	Mr. Tau S	015 534 2160 0761500356	30,016107	-22,299549	TauSE@agric.limpopo.gov.za
VHEMBE CENTRAL Office. Makwarele Government Building, Sibasa 0970	Private Bag x2247 Sibasa 0970	Ms. Sikhipha NM	015 968 9500 0769609067	30,487204	-22,907532	Sikhiphanm@agric.limpopo.gov.za
VHEMBE WEST Former Makhado Local Agric Office	Private Bag 13 Louis Trichardt, 0929	Mr. Budeli MA	015 516 2599 0723921701	29,926777	-23, 011320	budeliMA@agric.limpopo.gov.za

VHEMBE EAST Section C, Malamulele, 0892	Private Bag x9115 Malamulele, 0892.	Mr. Sitholimela S	015 851 0031 0728199421	30,729543	-22,942199	Sitholimela@agric.limpopo.gov.za
MOPANI DISTRICT Old Parliamentary Building, Giyani	Private Bag x577, Giyani, 0826	Acting District Director: Ms Nkuna HM	015 812 3210 0825411369	30,708987	-23,286605	NkunaHM@agric.limpopo.gov.za
MOPANI EAST Nghunghunyani Street, Lulekani Township	P/Bag x12008 Lulekani 1392	Mr. Nkwinika SV	015 783 0037 0605430534	31,085176	-23,862581	NkwinikaV@agric.limpopo.gov.za
MOPANI NORTH Along Mooketsi Rd (R81) next to Kremetart	Private Bag x 653 Giyani, 0826	Acting District Director: Ms Nkuna HM	015 812 3210 0825411369	30,685826	-23,277775	nkunaHM@agric.limpopo.gov.za
MOPANI WEST 2nd Floor Boulevard Building, Agatha Street, Tzaneen, 0850	Shoprite Building Box 45 Tzaneen 0850	Ms. Zwane N	015 307 1037 0829402542	30,157478	-23,832156	zwaneny@agric.limpopo.gov.za
MARA RESEARCH STATION West of Makhado: Next to Air Force Base	Private BagX 2467 MAKHADO 0920	Mr. Sebei PJ	015 593 0102 0827247377	29,65832	-23,03500	sebeipj@agric.limpopo.gov.za
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MADZIVHANDILA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE Ha-Budeli Village Pundamaria Road	Private BagX 5024 THOHOYANDOU 0950	Ms. Mphahlele PR	015 962 7200 0832772134	30,45934	-22,97111	MphahlelePR@agric.limpopo.gov.za

TOMPI SELEKA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE Phetwane, next to Flag Boshielo Dam	Private Bag X9619 Marble Hall 0450	Mr. Mashiloane ML	066 497 6348 0132689300	29,45517	-24,79173	Mashiloaneml@agric.limpopo.gov.za

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