



Western Cape
Government

Agriculture

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Citizen's Report 2010/2011



Who are we?

We are the Department of Agriculture: Western Cape

WHO IS IN CHARGE? The Minister is **Gerrit van Rensburg**. He is an elected politician. He is responsible for directing the Department's activities in line with the National and Provincial Government policies. The Head of Department is **Ms Joyene Isaacs**. She is a public servant, appointed to ensure that the Department implements the Ministerial and Governmental directives and mandates efficiently and effectively.

Our main objective

The Department is primarily responsible for the promotion of Agriculture in all its rich diversity in the Western Cape.

What do we do?

Our main services to you as the client are:

Provision of Veterinary Services

- Veterinary laboratory services
- Veterinary public Health
- Export control and food safety
- Animal health services

Execution of Agricultural Technology, Research and Development

- Research
- Information Services
- Infrastructure Support Services

Promotion of Sustainable Resource Management

- Engineering services
- Land Care

Provision of an Agricultural Economic Service

- Macroeconomics and Statistics
- Agri-Business Development and Support

Promotion of Farmer Support and Development

- Farmer Settlement
- Extension and Advisory Services
- Food Security
- Casidra (Pty) Ltd
- Farm Worker Development

Provision of Structured Agricultural Training

TERTIARY EDUCATION (HET)

- Higher Certificate
- Diploma
- B. Agric.

FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (FET)

- Skills-based short courses
- Learnership training



How did we do in 2010/2011?

Services and outputs achieved:

Water conservation projects undertaken

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 61 water and irrigation related projects and initiatives undertaken.
- 89 support actions rendered to FSD (CASP/ LARP) related to water and irrigation (investigations, designs and completion certificates)

Animal housing and handling and animal waste management facilities

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 60 support initiatives rendered to CASP, LRAD beneficiaries and other stake holders (investigations, designs and completion certificates).
- 223 clients provided with ad-hoc training and advice in various categories of engineering.

Mechanisation planning service

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 110 farmers assisted in reducing input costs.
- 80 farmers assisted to improve profitability of farming enterprises.

Prevention of fragmentation of Agricultural land

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 984 recommendations made for change of agricultural land use.

Protection of natural resources

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 57 projects completed to remove alien vegetation and/or invader species. This created an improvement in the flow of streams and rivers and also contributed to the reestablishment of indigenous species.
- 35 projects and initiatives implemented to protect rivers from eroding their banks and destroying prime agricultural land.

Conservation projects (Act 43 of 1983)

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 581 farm plans updated for purposes of sustainable farming.
- 11 230 youths were exposed to Land Care principles aiming to create a culture of conservation and caring for our natural resources.

Technology, transfer and information

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 1 192 farmers supported with advice through on-farm visits.
- Delivered 65 demonstrations, 27 farmer's days and 98 non-accredited courses for 1 904 farmers.
- Completed 62 land reform assessments and developed 38 comprehensive land use plans.

Food Security Projects

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 45 community gardens successfully established in the Province. 364 beneficiaries reached.
- 21 food security projects rehabilitated in poor communities.
- 784 household food production packages (suitcases) were delivered across the province.
- Establishment of 110 hectares of fruit orchards and 64 hectares of table wines and grape vines supported.

Development of farm workers

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 161 farm workers assisted through referral system.
- 5 363 farm workers trained in different technical and life skills.
- 4 431 farm workers, women and children reached during 27 awareness sessions concerning substance abuse.
- 11 regions in the Western Cape took part in the Provincial Farm Worker of the Year Competition.
- 1 500 farm workers attended a National Farm Workers Summit hosted by this Province and 450 attended a Provincial Farm Worker Summit.

Casidra (Pty) Ltd. Implementation of prioritised projects

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 55 infrastructure projects delivered that contributed to the success of 60% all agricultural land reform projects.

Agricultural Economics Information Dissemination

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 178 written outputs including scientific and popular reports or articles for publication in various journals and presented at national and international conferences.
- 24 macroeconomic and statistical analysis reports produced.
- 17 marketing outputs disseminated.

Research on animals, plants, vegetables, alternative crops and resource utilisation

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 6 research projects focusing on climate change executed.
- 28 food safety specimen tested.
- Exploratory study executed on biogas technology as alternative source for energy.
- 114 specimen tested for non-controlled / non-notifiable diseases.

Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health and Food Safety service

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 932 114 animals inspected.
- 98 625 vaccinations administered to prevent spread of animal diseases.
- 171 568 diagnostic tests performed on samples received.
- 57 632 sampling and testing done for animal disease surveillance.
- 100% compliance regarding visits to farms as part of disease control and surveillance of risks on export of ostrich, dairy, game and sheep.
- 295 abattoirs visited for monitoring, inspection, audit and Hygiene Assessment System evaluations. 3208 microbiology samples tested.
- 1 057 farms monitored for export compliance.
- 1 154 export applications evaluated and certificates issued.
- 86 544 animals vaccinated against Rabies.
- 77 214 animals attended to during Primary Animal Health Care (PAHC) sessions.
- 66 243 animals tested for skin TB.
- 84 835 samples collected for bovine Brucellosis testing.
- 63 013 sheep tested for scab.

Agri-Business Development and Support

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 49 Agri-Businesses supported to access markets.
- 639 clients supported with agricultural economic advice.
- 147 economic and statistical enquiries dealt with.
- 43 new enterprise budgets developed or updated.
- 14 black smallholder and commercial farmers supported to access alternative sources of finance.
- 5 farmers on the Market Access Programme registered as exporters.
- 14 new entrepreneurs supported with access to financial support, capacity building and advice.

Provision of research results, outcome of scientific analysis, advice and relevant technology information dissemination

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 80 external quality control reports produced.
- 90 semi-scientific and popular publications.
- 64 radio talks and 55 conference papers on technical issues, delivered.
- 153 lectures at farmer's and information days.
- 15 different information packs distributed, 11 information days/events conducted and 4 agricultural exhibitions presented.
- 46 climate change reports and 23 agricultural condition reports disseminated.



Our organization and staffing

STAFFING

On 31 March 2011, we employed 968 staff of which 837 were permanent employees and 131 contract employees. Representation with regards to race, gender and disability:

165 (17%) are Black
512 (53%) are Coloured
5 (1%) are Indian
286 (29%) are White
395 (41%) are women
18 (2%) are persons with disabilities

LANGUAGE

English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa are the three official languages for the Province. The home language of most of the staff is Afrikaans. The majority of the personnel can, however, speak and write in both English and Afrikaans. Only a small percentage of the personnel can express themselves in and understand all three languages. A drive is underway in the Department to train staff in isiXhosa.

SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRES

The Head Office of the Department as well as the main campus of the Cape Institute for Agricultural Training is situated on the Elsenburg farm in Stellenbosch. The Department has a District Office in all six of the Municipal Districts as well as 45 service points in the Province from where services are rendered. The Department also has 3 satellite campuses, 7 Research farms, veterinary, plant, animal production as well as other research laboratories under its jurisdiction.

Our budget

OUR BUDGET FOR 2010/2011 was R483 987m. The Department succeeded in spending 99.9% of the budget allocation. The Department reported a materially under-spending or saving of R0.5m (0.1%) for the 2010/2011 financial year.

BREAKDOWN OF THE BUDGET ALLOCATION:

Compensation of Staff = R208 018m
Percentage of total budget = 43 %

Programmes = R275 969m
Percentage of total budget = 57 %

Total = 100% = R483 987m

Running Costs: The allocation per Programme includes costs earmarked for Goods and Services, Transfers and Subsidies and Payment of Capital and Financial Assets.

BREAKDOWN OF ALLOCATION PER PROGRAMME (EXCLUDING COMPENSATION)

1 Administration	R35 113m
2 Sustainable Resource Management	R69 292m
3 Farmer Support & Development	R115 977m
4 Veterinary Services	R11 190m
5 Technology, Research & Development Services	R20 998m
6 Agricultural Economics	R4 876m
7 Structured Agricultural Training	R18 523m

How did we do in 2010/2011?

Services and outputs achieved:

Human Capital Development

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- 115 students graduated in Agricultural Training (Degrees, Diplomas and Higher Certificates. Pass rate = 84.3%
- 81 Learnership students graduated on NQF Level 1 to 4.
- 4 aspirant Sommeliers from the industry received training in wine and food serving in Burgundy, France.
- 8 cellar workers received training in barrel management and maintenance in Burgundy, France.
- Hosted 8 French students for training in viticulture and wine making.
- 4 Cheese-makers received training in Dijon, France.
- 7 Extension Officers received training in Burgundy, France.
- 1 694 beneficiaries of CASP and LRAD projects, trained at CIAT.
- 17 schools visited to reach high school students and participated in 16 career expos to market agriculture as a potential career and study field.
- 104 interns taken into employ to gain experience and to improve chances to get jobs.
- 221 staff members received training in various skills and other developmental courses.

Disaster relief, poverty alleviation and social responsibility campaigns

OUTPUTS ACHIEVED

- Continued financial (R46m) and humanitarian support was given to 1 878 farmers for the implementation of disaster relief works resulting from previous year's disasters in West Coast and Eden.
- Clearing of alien invasive vegetation created 27 504 person days of jobs which assisted with poverty alleviation in the specific rural areas.
- Social upliftment projects in Dysseidsdorp provided for 500 temporary jobs and 48 newly established cooperatives that will provide potential job opportunities to 260 people.
- World Food Day celebrations were held in Dysseidsdorp on 22 October 2010. House hold production packages sponsored to enable subsistence farming. Staff donated tinned food, books and clothing that were distributed to the 40 poverty stricken families.
- 390 jobs created as a result of arrangements to constitute 7 commodity structures.



Service Delivery Improvement Initiatives

13 SERVICES IN PROCESS of either redesign or implementation to address the **Batho Pele Principle of Redress**. Other service delivery improvement initiatives, includes the usage of the **Smart Pen** and **AIMS technology** and systems; strengthening existing partnerships with municipalities, communities and the agricultural sector. A new component will forthwith focus specifically on the development and upliftment of rural communities.

Other References

- Annual Report 2010/11 for more information on the actual/detailed achievements by the Department.
- Departmental Service Delivery Charter and the Service Delivery Improvement Plan for any service standards.

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