

Become involved

- **Make your land productive:** Get advice from your local Agricultural Extension Officer on how to farm or access land for farming.
- **Grow your own food:** Start a vegetable garden at home.
- **Contact the DAFF:**
 - » Telephone: 012 319 6000
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**REVITALISING AGRICULTURE AND THE
AGRO-PROCESSING VALUE CHAIN**

Agricultural Policy Action Plan and Agri-parks



#9PointPlan



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Background

- The National Developmental Plan (NDP) sees agriculture as having the potential to create close to one million jobs by 2030. The NDP further argues the importance of commercial agriculture for job creation, which has the potential to create 250 000 direct jobs and a further 130 000 indirect jobs.
- During the February 2015 State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma stated that “our economy needs a major push forward,” and in this context, the President announced a “Nine-Point Plan to ignite growth and create jobs,” one of which is “revitalising agriculture and the agro-processing value chain.”
- President Zuma announced that government was working with the private sector to develop an Agricultural Policy Action Plan (APAP), which would bring one million hectares (ha) of underused land into full production over the next three years.

Agricultural Policy Action Plan

- The APAP is the programmatic response to the revitalisation of agriculture and the agro-processing value chain. It outlines a value chain approach in priority commodities, informed by the commodities with high growth potential and high labour absorption capacity identified in the NDP.
- The APAP will use a range of policy and financial resources to bring one million ha of underused land into full production over the next five years.
- Identified commodities were carefully chosen based on their potential to:
 - » create jobs;
 - » contribute to food security;
 - » growth potential; and
 - » contribute to the trade balance.
- The following commodities/value chains were identified as having the potential for growth:
 - » Red meat

- » Poultry
- » Fruit and vegetables
- » Wine
- » Wheat
- » Forestry
- » Aquaculture
- » Small-scale fisheries schemes
- » Biofuels
- » Sugarcane.

Did you know?

It is expected that every investment of R1 million in agriculture would contribute 10 jobs, and compared to other sectors, agriculture has a greater potential to create jobs and contribute greatly to the economy.

Agri-parks

- As part of an effort to revitalise agriculture, government will progressively establish Agri-parks in 44 district municipalities.
- During the 2015/16 financial year, government will prioritise the 27 poorest district municipalities. These will be fully fledged agro-hubs that will offer all services along the various commodity value chains under the auspices of the “One District, One Agri-Park” Programme.
- The “**One District, One Agri-Park**” approach will include the selection and training of smallholder farmers, in partnership with district land reform committees.
- The role of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) in the Agri-parks is largely around the services that the department should provide – ranging from consumer support, capacity building, extension support and support to market access.