

## agriculture & rural development

Department: agriculture & rural development PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

## DROUGHT RELIEF SUBSIDY SCHEME PHASE 1 REGISTRATION PROCESS 2015/2016

- Pre-Registration meetings with Extension and Companies is a pre-requisite
- ARDM unit divide budget between companies based on number of branches and commodities affected by drought (Assessment)
- Registration process to commence on placement of advert.
- Registration to be done at the designated company branch for the local district (ARDM unit to provide list)
- The extension officer to be present at the designated branch from Monday to Friday during normal business hours for four weeks up to the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- The Extension and Company officers to inform the farmers on the scheme principals
  - Once off subsidy
  - No transport included
  - Subsidy will only come into effect on the procurement of inputs
  - Subsidy will be deducted off the company account (invoice) and will be claimed from the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development by the Company
- The farmers will be required to provide the extension official with copies of their ID's, Proof of Residence and Brandmarks
- The Extension & Company officers to inform the farmers on the inputs that can be procured under the scheme

## Inputs

The inputs considered are divided into two categories, viz. those for livestock and those for water supply.

The inputs are as follows:

- Livestock Registered Licks, Registered Ruminant Pellets, Multivitamins, Dip
- Water water harvesting (Jojo tanks, Trough, 6m gutter pipe)
- The Extension officer to inform the farmers on subsidy he/she qualifies for under the scheme (Table 1):

DIFFERENT SUBSIDY FOR DIFFERENT LEVEL OF FARMER			
THRESHOLD LEVEL	PROGRESSIVE RATE FOR LEVEL	VALUE OF PURCHASES	MAX SUBSIDY AT LEVEL
Level 1	100%	R 0 – R 20 000	R 20 000
Level 2	80%	R 20 001 > – R 50 000	R 40 000
Level 3	20%	R50 001 > R100 000	R 20 000

- Extension officer & Company representative to register the farmers on the electronic registration format (populate).
  - Extension officer must print the form (below) for the farmer as well as Company Rep to sign and sign it himself.
  - Farmers who cannot write, must sign with a thumb print (Ink pad to be available)
  - The extension officers to copy the form two fold (Farmers copy, Company copy).
  - Originals to be sent to DARD ARDM.
  - The extension officer to attach relevant documents to registration form and forward to the company.
  - Company to sign that order has been placed.
- The Extension Officer to verify list with company on a weekly basis
- The Company officer to forward list per company per branch to DD's who batch and forward to

## **REGISTRATIONS NOT TO EXCEED COMPANY AND BRANCH BUDGET**