



agriculture & rural development

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Agriculture and Rural Development
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Owen Sitole College of Agriculture (OSCA)

OSCA is located in the uThungulu District Municipality. This research farm is approximately 20km north of Empangeni and about 35km from Richards Bay.

The research facilities are situated on the campus of the Owen Sitole College of Agriculture.

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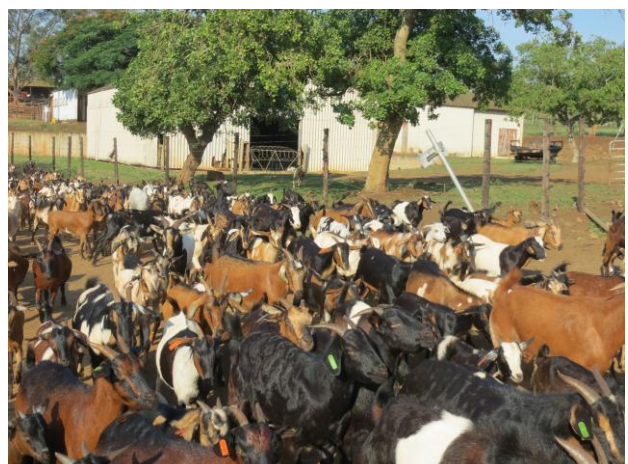
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Situation: S28° 38' 15.396"
 E31° 56' 19.86"
Elevation: 450m
Rainfall: 850mm/annum
Topography: Rolling to broken, with steep slopes
Size: 870 ha



NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

The only Bioresource Group (BRG) found on this farm is BRG 1 (Moist Coast Forest Thorn and Palm Veld). This is categorized by the coastal strip between sea level and 450 m in altitude. A single Bioresource Unit (BRU) is found within this BRG, namely WXa3 (Thembalansundu).

Mean annual rainfall for this area is approximately 867mm and falls mostly in the summer months. Mean maximum January temperature is 30°C while mean minimum July temperature is 12°C. No frost is experienced at OSCA. The Nseleni River borders the farm. Throughout the BRG, only 4% of area can be classified with having high potential soils.

RESEARCH STATION PROGRAMME

There are three research components at the Research Station, namely crop production, animal science, grassland science with farm services as the support component.

More detail is supplied under the relevant research directorates.