AGRI-PARK DISTRICT: Central Karoo	PROVINCE: WESTERN CAPE	REPORTING DATE: APRIL 2016
		STATUS
<ul> <li>Short term: small stock (mainly goats and sheet) including meat, wool (using new dry cleaning technology), and tannery/ leather processing.</li> <li>Medium – long term: vegetables, lucerne, flowers, and goat milk processing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FPSUs: 5 identified: Murraysburg; Prince Albert; Lainsburg; Merwerville (or Possibly Leeu Gamka) and Nelspoort.</li> <li>Additional FPSUs may be identified by stakeholders as the Agri Park implementation evolves.</li> <li>1 Agri hub located in Beaufort West.</li> <li>1 Shared RUMC located either in Beaufort West or Oudsthoorn (stakeholder decision required).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DAPOTT established.</li> <li>The final Master Business plan has been submitted 8 April 2016.</li> <li>Awaiting District Municipal Manager sign-off.</li> </ul>
		KEY ROLE-PLAYERS
<ul> <li>Expansion of Beaufort West airport to handle processed goods (feasibility to be investigated).</li> <li>District Agri Hub Procurement Framework (to be investigated).</li> <li>Investment in new Waterless wool processing technology.</li> <li>Beaufort Western Abattoir partnership (and possibly others).</li> <li>Investment in one Tannery in the District.</li> <li>Investment in improving water supply and distribution systems.</li> <li>Ongoing empowerment of black farmers through the PLAS programme.</li> <li>Ongoing upgrading of roads.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proposed Agro-Processing business opportunities aligned to the primary and support commodities:</li> <li>a) Upgrading and partnership with one or more selected abattoirs in Beaufort West.</li> <li>b) One tannery to be located in Beaufort West;</li> <li>c) Waterless Wool and Mohair Cleaning &amp; Processing Facility Agri Park in Beaufort West).</li> <li>d) Lucerne pill processing facility (possibly located in Eden District.</li> <li>e) Resuscitation of Beaufort West hydroponics focus on vegetables.</li> <li>f) Goat Milk Product Manufacturing at Laingsburg Goat Milk.</li> <li>g) Olive processing (Also SA olives branding support to obtain SA olives sticker is needed).</li> <li>h) Stone Fruits: Apricots and proposed Prince Albert fruit drying facility.</li> </ul>	Public SectorIndustryOther• DRDLR• MAA: Training, Information & Networking• ABSA, Standard• DRDAR• SAFA: Technical and Technology support• ABSA, Standard• ECRDA• SAFA: Technical and Technology support• ABSA, Standard• DEDAT• SAFLA: Advise and Marketing• Land Bank, Nedbank, FNB• DEDAT• SAHPA: Meat-processing and related industries• Land Bank Agri-SA and Agri- Veg City• Dept Science and Technology• NAWACO- Women in cooperatives • NAWACO- Women in cooperatives• Land Bank • Agri-SA and Agri- Wcg City• Department Industry• Retailers (Spar, Massmart, Pick n Pay, Shoprite/Checkers, Fruit & • Veg City• ARC-training, information and networking • Industry Representative Body: Red Meat Industry Forum (RMIF) • Levy Administration: (Implementation, administration and • enforcement): Meat Statutory Measures Services (MSMS) and Red Meat Levy Administration (RMLA)• AFASA • AEASA• NRS • Central Karoo District Municipality• Research: Red Meat Research Development Trust (RMRDI) and Red Meat Research & Development South Africa (RMRDSA) 
	NEXT STEPS	
<ul> <li>Expansion of Hydroponics project to 16,000m2.</li> <li>Fencing, feedlot, auction and handling facilities</li> <li>Abattoir upgrading investments (to be determined).</li> <li>Small-scale agro-processing facilities (fruit and vegetables.</li> <li>Large warehouse and cold-storage facilities</li> <li>Administrative, agricultural input distribution and quality control facilities.</li> <li>Internet and software solutions technology</li> <li>Retail and training centres.</li> <li>Student and staff housing.</li> </ul>	Y1       DRDLR finalise appointment District Agri Park Managers (located at the District level).         Identification of Beaufort West Abattor Strategic Partner.         Beaufort West Tannery Feasibility.         Central Karoo and Eden District Lucerne Pill processing feasibility:         Beaufort West Hydroponics Feasibility and Business Plan.         Agree on location of the Rural Urban Market Centre (Oudtshoorn or Beaufort West).         Outcome of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture waterless wool and mohair cleaning study discussed with all stakeholders.         Agri-Park performance targets established and incorporated into district IDP and SDF plans, & sector departments         Key commodity development plan developed         Feasibility Studies         Agri-Park is finalised and land acquired         Agri-Park governance and management structures operationalised         Designs completed, including service requirements regarding water, electricity, waste water disposal         Agri-Park funding, investment & partners secured         Agri-Park infrastructure development professional teams procured         Develop and support farmers         Y2         Agri-Park funding, investment & partners secured         Agri-Park funding, investment & partners secured         Develop and support farmers         Agri-Park infrastructure development initiated and managed         Agri-Park markets secured (and District Prcurement Frame	<ul> <li>The Agri-Park will inject new investments into the economies of the communities where the Hub and FPSUs will be situated. It will create jobs in the construction phase of the actual hub and FPSU's. It will also create a number of permanent operational jobs and new small business opportunities once the Agri-Park is implemented. This initiative will also support small and emerging farmers in their quest to become sustainable and profitable through training, financial, input, value adding and marketing support. In general, the Agri-Park will have the following positive impact in the district:</li> <li>Improved economic transformation, empowerment and inclusive growth</li> <li>Increased employment</li> <li>Increased and more sustainable agricultural production</li> <li>Increased income generation and poverty reduction</li> <li>Increased access to markets</li> <li>Skills development</li> <li>Enterprise development for small and emerging farmers</li> <li>Increased food security</li> <li>Increased tax revenue and municipal rates and service revenue.</li> <li>Economic growth and increase in Gross Geographic Product.</li> </ul>