

## **Programme 4: Reports released/publications**

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- Abstract of agricultural statistics
- Trends in the agricultural sector
- Economic review of SA agriculture
- Crops and markets
- Statistics on fresh produce markets
- Food security bulletin
- Impact of trade restrictions on importing live animals into SA
- Industry brochures for maize and wheat

## Programme 4: Challenges and Remedies

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- Lack of comprehensive database on sector
- Establish economic analysis unit
- Development of standardised analytical tools
- HR challenge for agricultural economists
- Building analytical and advisory capacity

# **PROGRAMME 5**

## **Agricultural Production**

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## **Programme 5: Achievements**

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The following policies/strategies were approved:

- Animal Improvement Policy
  - Livestock Development Strategy
  - Aquaculture Policy
  - Policy on Agriculture in Sustainable Development
  - Plant Production Strategy for South Africa
  - Biosafety Policy
    - Norms and standards on extension and agricultural advisory services
- The Programme also embarked on the amendments of the following Acts:
- Genetically Modified Organisms
  - Plant Breeders' Rights, consultations and reviews

# **PROGRAMME 6**

## **Sustainable Resources Management and Use**

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## Programme 6: Sustainable Resources

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- Promotes sound management and sustainable use of land and water resources in agriculture
  
- Two Subprogrammes:
  - **Land Use and Soil Management:** Resource auditing, protection and rehabilitation of agricultural land resources and migratory pest control
  
  - **Water Use and Irrigation Development:** Agricultural infrastructure development and rehabilitation, rainwater harvesting and establishment of conservation structures

## **Programme 6: Achievements**

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- Developed land suitability maps for oil-crop (soya and sunflower) production in South Africa
- Developed interim position on bio-diesel crop production
- More than 40 boreholes were drilled for LRAD beneficiaries
- Sited and developed plans for 250 boreholes for dipping tank project in KZN
- Developed guidelines for on and off-farm infrastructure for CASP
- Enhanced a programme for mechanisation support to also focus on indigent, women, youth and disabled (power hoes: ISRDP and PC)
- Popularised rainwater harvesting for food security
- Developed capacity within communities on expanded LandCare
- Area-wide planning was adopted by many PDAs
- Maintained FMD border fence

## Programme 6: Challenges and Remedies

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- Limited local information on economic viability of bio-fuels, DoA is in the process of generating some information
- Nonstructured demand for establishment of alien species for bio-fuel production
  - Addressed the provinces and interest groups, including JIC
- Inadequate technical planning of infrastructural projects at provincial level
  - Technical assistance made available to the provinces
- Continuous dependency of communities on LandCare grants
  - Currently addressing this challenge with the provinces
- Poor status of FMD border fence – and inaccessibility of some areas
  - Access roads constructed
- Ever-increasing demand for subdivision and change in use of agricultural land
  - Handle each application on its merit



# **PROGRAMME 7:**

## **National Regulatory Services**

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## Programme 7: Achievements

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Directorate	Outputs
Plant Health and Animal Health	Plant pest and animal diseases risk management systems, policies, legislation, standards, protocols and agreements
Food Safety and Quality Assurance	Food safety and quality risk management systems, policies, legislation, standards, protocols and agreements
SAAFQIS	Inspection, border control, diagnostic and analytical services

## Programme 7: Challenges

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- Readmittance to the global trading community
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- Shortage of high-level skills/staffing levels
- Emphasis was placed on border control and security also in the light of animal and plant diseases outbreaks
  - Additional personnel/formulating a human resources plan
  - Deployment of sniffer dogs
  - Border Control Operational Coordinating Committee
- Wine on line
- Infrastructural development and maintenance at quarantine stations
- Basic animal health care system
- CASP roll out

## Programme 7: Challenges (cont.)

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- Outbreaks of highly contagious animal diseases
  - Highly pathogenic avian influenza
  - FMD in the Limpopo Province
- Pesticide initiative programme
- Two major inspections were conducted by trading partners
  - The Animal and Plant Inspection Services (APHIS) of the USDA and
  - The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) of the EU

## Programme 7: Food Safety and Quality Assurance

OUTPUT	STATUS
Liquor Products Amendment Bill	➤ Submitted February 2004, discussions took place, also with Legal Services. To be resubmitted Q1 2005
Reviewed Act No. 36 of 1947	➤ Pesticide Policy approval Q1 2005. Remainder of policies scheduled for approval in 2005/2006
Approved Food Safety Policy	
Approved Pesticide Policy	➤ Food Control system establishment approved in principle by Minister – March 2005

## Programme 7: Plant Health

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### OUTPUT

Plant pest risk management systems, policies, legislation, standards, protocols and agreements

### STATUS

- Draft Plant Health Policy developed
- Draft Agricultural Pests Act Amendment Bill developed and submitted to Legal Services for comment
- Bilateral Protocol for exporting citrus fruit to China concluded

## Programme 7: Animal Health

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### OUTPUT

management systems, policies, legislation, standards, protocols and agreements

### STATUS

- Basic Animal Care System (BACS)
- Categorisation of Animal Diseases Policy
- Policy on Bovine Brucellosis
- Policy on Snotsiekte
- Wildlife Tuberculosis Control Protocol
- Act

## Programme 7: SAAFQIS

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OUTPUT	STATUS
Inspection, border control, diagnostic and analytical services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K9 dog unit was deployed as pilot project at Johannesburg International Airport</li><li>• National surveillances ensured detection control and/or eradication of regulated pests</li><li>• Exotic and non-exotic pests intercepted in quarantine systems</li><li>• Appointment of additional border control personnel</li><li>• Implementation of lab quality systems is near completion in order to apply for accreditation</li><li>• Maintenance, development and upgrading of infrastructure</li></ul>



# **PROGRAMMES 8–9**

**Branch: Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and  
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## Programmes 8–9: Achievements

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- Had eight radio programmes flighted on community radio
- Had eleven and one special publications of AgriNews and six publications of WezoLimo
- There were 20 publications of the info packs published
- Participated in the four major campaigns, namely:
  - Nampo exhibition in the week of 17 May 2004
  - Female Farmer of the Year Awards on 16 October 2004
  - World Food Day on 16 October 2004
  - 16 Days of Activism of no violence against women and children
- On International front managed to visit the nine SADC countries
- Increased the number of students at tertiary education level. Initially had a total of 120 but ended up with 164 students having been registered

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## Programmes 8–9: Challenges and Remedies

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- Could not deliver on radio programming to the fullest— budgetary constrains and alignment with the provincial departments of agriculture
- A new Agricultural Information Services structure was suggested and ratified by the executive authority in this financial year
- Capacity in the design and layout of AIS has been capacitated— will be able to have the set target of the required info packs
- Have since implemented a translation service in the DoA in collaboration with DAC
- Have started translating some of the info packs into other languages
- Availing departmental information to the MPCCs

## **Programmes 8–9: Challenges and Remedies (cont.)**

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- Few students taking Mathematics and Science subjects—campaigns in the form of shows and exhibitions
- Rural students struggling to get access to bursary scheme and not being contactable—encouraging the use of their relatives' contact details
- Appointed an officer in charge of the bursary scheme in the DoA
- The alignment of the sector departments—International Relations, Peace and Security Cluster
- The finalisation of the location of the colleges of agriculture prevented us from having the required resources—negotiations are ongoing
- Aiming to get 4 000 emerging farmers at GADI in the next financial year
- Capacity in the Programme Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation directorates is being revised
- Reviewing of the templates for monthly and quarterly reporting—this brings synergy