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**QUESTION 4620**

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**4620**. **Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Given that the high inflationary environment has meant that most emerging farmers are shouldering high input costs as they prepare for the 2022-23 farming season, what steps has her department taken to cushion emerging farmers against high input costs in order to ensure a successful farming season? **NW5742E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

The below three tables highlight in summary, the state of readiness with regards to the upcoming planting season. The funds are made available to assist producers with production inputs.

* Table 1 depicts the different commodities and the hectares to be covered. In total approximately 81 000 of hectares will be planted with different commodities;
* Table 2 depicts the state of preparation of hectares per province;
* Table 3 depicts cost incurred on grain production support; and
* Based on the data received from all provinces, a total of 29 514 producers will benefit from the intervention. This constitutes 11 809 males and 17 704 females.

**A1 Table 1- Planned Ha under production per commodity in 2022/23**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **COMMODITIES** | **EC** | **FS** | **GP** | **KZN** | **LP** | **MP** | **NC** | **NW** | **WC** | **TOTAL** |
| FRUIT  | 24 |  0 | 0 | 0 | 291 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 17.8 | **352.8** |
| WINE & TABLE GRAPES |  0 |  0 |   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 12.8 | **12.8** |
| VEGETABLES | 1 216 | 12 | 200 | 2 073 | 878 | 1 140 | 140 | 267 | 30 | **5 756** |
| GRAINS (MAIZE, DRY BEANS, GROUNDNUTS, WHEAT, SUNFLOWER, SORGHUM) | 26 660 | 1 414 | 4 000 | 10 465 | 6 314 | 15 050 | 200 | 11000 | 848 | **71 951** |
| MACADAMIA/ NUTS |  0 |  0 |   | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | **54** |
| CHICORY | 40 |  0 |   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  0 | 0 | **40** |
| COTTON |  0 |  0 |   | 0 | 462 | 0 | 0 |  0 | 0 | **462** |
| FODDER  | 1 845 | 210 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 206.3 | **2 371.3** |
| **TOTAL**  | **29 785** | **1 636** | **4 200** | **12 568** | **7 945** | **16 200** | **340** | **11 411** | **1 114.9** | **80 999.9** |

**A2: Progress overall – Table 2**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Province** | **Planned hectares** | **Land preparation done** | **HA planted** | **HA harvested** | **Budget Allocated - RANDS** |
| EC | 28 529 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 000 000 |
| FS | 1 636 | 654.4 | 0 | 0 | 39 870 000 |
| GP | 4 200 |  |  |  |  |
| KZN | 12 568 | 1 344 | 1 144 | 0 | 55 542 000 |
| LP | 7 945 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 256 000 |
| MP | 16 240 | 8 460 | 921.9 | 602 | 42 069,00 |
| NC | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 000 000 |
| NW | 11 411 | 555 | 0 | 0 | 54 401 328 |
| WC | 1 114.9 | 1 114.9 | 1 114.9 | 8 | 12 998 835 |
| **Total** | **83 843.9** | **12 128.3** | **3 180.8** | **610** | **292 900 488** |

**A3 COSTS INCURRED – Table 3**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **PROVINCE** | **TARGETED HECTARES** | **SEEDS ORDERED AND DELIVERED** | **FERTILIZER ORDERED** | **MECHANISATION UNITS (TRACTORS)** | **PESTICIDES (LITRES)** | **TOTAL COSTS INCURRED**  |
| TONS | **COSTS INCURED****(Rands)** | TONS | **COSTS INCURED****(Rands)** | REPAIR / MAINTENANCE | **COSTS INCURRED****(Rands)** | LITRES | **COSTS INCURRED****(Rands)** | **(Rands)** |
| **EC** | 28 529 | 226 | 27 150 552 | 1 103 | 24 167 293 | Not yet contracted | Not yet contracted | 846 | 1 124 114 | **52 441 959** |
| **FS** | 1 636 | TRANSFERS TO BENEFICIARY HOLDING ACCOUNT | **26 340 000** |
| **GP** | 4810 | 70.750 | 11 595 660 | 1 000 | 13 000 000 | None | N/A | 240 | 56 400 | **24 639 060** |
| **KZN** | 22 310 | 61 | 7 216 838 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 810 470 | 0 | 0 | **8 027 308** |
| **LP** | 7 945 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 080 000 | 38 914 liters &4 988 kg | 4 520 000 | **4 928 000** |
| **MP** | 16 200 | 274.7 | 40 418 812 | 1 100.1 | 23 297 371 | 58 | 600 000 | 43 050 | 5 567 035 | **69 883 218** |
| **NC** | 200 | None | None | None | None | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **NW** | 9489 | 63 | 8 026 840 | 1088 | 19 388 972 | 0 | 0 | 4900 | 691 902 | **28 057 714** |
| **WC** | 321.3 | 134 | 765 143 | 237 | 1 437 911.08 | 0 | 118 000 | 1 198 | 1 034 112.50 | **3 355 166.58** |
| **TOTAL** | **91 440.3** | **829.45** | **95 173 845** | **4 528.1** | **81 291 547.08** | **70** | **5 608 470** | **89 148** | **12 993 563.5** | **217 672 425.58** |