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## 1) Acronyms and abbreviations

ADC	Agricultural Development Centre
HOD	Head of Department
LDARD	Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
MEC	Member of Executive Council
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act

## **2) Executive Summary**

The Livestock Disposal Policy explains the need and necessities for the disposal of livestock in possession of the Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (LDARD). The Policy provides exact, precise and clear indications as to what steps should be taken and who will be responsible. Disposal mechanisms and guiding principles are addressed as well as the disposal goals. A detailed explanation of the background regarding this Policy is provided in the Introduction.

## **3) Introduction**

After the 1994 first democratic elections government institutions changed, amongst which were the amalgamation of the four previous administrations. The four previous administrations had livestock projects, which were then inherited by the LDARD. These projects included the four breeding stations, two Colleges of Agriculture and the two Agricultural Development Centres (ADC's) and their respective satellite stations.

This situation demanded the following:

- a) A need to proliferate and conserve various breeds of National interest.
- b) Research and experimental work done that may require slaughtering and disposal thereafter.
- c) A need to advance development and revenue generation through livestock disposal.

The original purpose of these projects is still of strategic importance to the LDARD and the National Government. These include, amongst others, research, training, breeding, conservation and national heritage.

The LDARD is a custodian of the indigenous livestock genetic resources. These include local breeds such as the Bonsmaras, three Nguni ecotypes, indigenous goats and sheep like Bapedi, which are nationally renowned and command high esteem. As a result, the LDARD has to have a management system to care and to dispose of these valuable assets in line with defined disposal practices as outlined in this Policy.

## **4) Purpose and objectives**

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines in the disposal of livestock owned by the LDARD.

The specific objectives to be achieved by this Policy, are to:

- a) Outline the principles that will govern the programme of livestock disposal,
- b) Identify the goals to be achieved through the disposal of government livestock
- c) Provide guidance for the implementation of government livestock disposal mechanism.

## 5) Authority

This Policy is issued under the custodianship of the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for LDARD and the Head of Department (HOD) as Accounting Officer.

## 6) Legal Framework

The following legal and guiding documents were taken into consideration when drafting this Livestock Disposal Policy:

- Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999
- LDARD Asset management Policy (2016)
- LDARD Strategic Plan 2015-2019 cycle
- LDARD Livestock Research and Innovation Strategy (2017)
- National Producers Support Policy (Draft)
- Animal Improvement Act ( 62 of 1998)
- Animal Protection Act (71 of 1962)
- Animal Disease Act ( 35 of 1984)
- Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (169 of 1993)
- National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act ( 10 of 2004)
- Transversal Assets Management Policy

## 7) Scope of Application

This Livestock Disposal Policy of the LDARD is aimed at all situations and all incidents where the disposal of livestock owned by the LDARD is concerned. Therefore, whenever there is a need for the disposal of livestock in possession of the LDARD, the stipulations of this Policy document shall be implemented.

## 8) Definitions

**Livestock:** Refer to all farm animals which is used in the farming and/or research process for agricultural purposes, including fish

**Department:** Refer to the LDARD

**Asset:** Refer to all property owned by the LDARD (be it movable or immovable property)

**Disposal mechanisms:** Refer to the various ways of disposal which might be applicable

## 9) Policy Pronouncements

### 9.1 Disposal goals

The goal of the departmental Livestock Disposal Policy is to support and accelerate service delivery in the following strategic areas:-

- I. **Strategic priorities of government:** Priorities as outlined in the Departmental plans and Policies.
- II. **Developmental programmes:** To support the development of previously disadvantaged farmers and addressing equity issues.
- III. **Technical:** Research, production, experiment, training and natural Resource management requirements.
- IV. **Revenue generation:** To meet revenue budget targets.
- V. **Government Special Events:** Support to government special events.

Disposal may be necessitated by the following reasons:

Selection, disease outbreak, injuries, temperament, stocking capacity and developmental (breeding purposes), experimental reasons (e.g. carcass evaluations) and animal welfare.

### Methods of disposal

- a) Sale of animals for animal improvement purposes
- b) Auctions sale
- c) Donations
- d) Exchanges
- e) Mercy killing
- f) Training and research purposes

### 9.2 Guiding principles

In the disposal of livestock the following principles will guide the decision:

- a) Disposal shall seek to achieve the departmental goals as outlined in this Policy.
- b) Good governance requirements shall be complied with, especially relevant financial and asset management procedures and legislation.
- c) Good Agricultural Practices.

### 9.3 Implementation Management

#### 9.3.1 Asset Register and Database

There shall be an asset register for the departmental livestock, both composite and per station, as required by the relevant departmental asset management prescripts.

#### 9.3.2 Tariffs and book values

Sale Tariffs and Book Values shall be updated annually by the Department in consultation with Treasury. Approved tariffs and book values shall be made available to all end users.

### **9.3.3 Disposal Procedures**

- i) The relevant station or Unit shall identify the need for disposal in line with item 9.1 and 9.2 above.
- ii) The sub-branch/district shall seek approval for the disposal mechanism.
- iii) Normal disposal procedures of Government assets shall then be followed.

### **9.4 Delegations**

The HOD shall issue delegations as deemed necessary for approvals to various levels (as discussed in 9.3.3 i-iii above)

### **9.5 Implementation Structures**

Appropriate line functionaries will implement the programme.

**9.5.1 Asset management Unit** will be responsible for the overall asset disposal system in compliance with the Public Finance management Act (PFMA).

**9.5.2 Technical Service Delivery Units** shall develop the disposal mechanism in line with the appropriate goal(s).

**9.5.3 Financial Management Units** shall ensure revenue plan and collection systems are in place and complied with.

### **9.6 Disposal Mechanisms**

The following mechanisms shall be used to achieve the goals of the LDARD:

**9.6.1 Market based sale instruments** shall be used to generate income and distribute stock to the broader business community. Auctions, Tendering and any other relevant instruments shall be used.

**9.6.2 Targeted development instruments** shall be used to ensure access, equity and guided development. The previously disadvantaged farmers shall be targeted on equity basis. Instruments shall include “out-of-hand” sale, preferential procurement, and exchange and stock loans.

**9.6.3 Discretionary disposal** shall include:

- a) Intergovernmental sales, grants and exchanges.
- b) Social responsibility support in the form of grants, donations and below stock book value sales.

c) Strategic collaborations with parastatals, government and non-governmental institutions.

9.6.4 *The HOD (or person delegated by the HOD) shall approve disposals of livestock.*

## **9.7 Monitoring Mechanisms**

The monitoring mechanisms shall be derived from:

- a) Service Delivery Programmes that include stock
- b) Asset and Financial Management Instruments

## **10) Default**

No deviation from this Policy will be allowed.

Should any deviation be needed, the following procedures need to be followed:

- i) A proper written motivation need to be submitted to the HOD
- ii) Written permission from the HOD need to be secured in advance

## **11) Inception date**

The inception date of this Policy is the date of approval as indicated on the cover of this document.

## **12) Termination and review**

This Policy will be reviewed every three years (3) or as and when a need arise. Should the Policy still be in the review process by the time it lapses, an extension period is applicable and the approved Policy remain valid until the reviewed version is approved.

## **13) Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding this Livestock Disposal Policy can be directed towards:

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## Annexure A

### List of Projects and Livestock available

<u>Projects Name</u>	<u>Type of projects</u>	<u>Major activity</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Goats</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Poultry</u>
Hartebees	Breeding station	*Breeding *Conser- vation	Mopani	None	Nguni Shan gaan	None	None	None
Mara	ADC	*Breeding *Research *Conser- vation	Vhembe	Indigi- nous, Com- mercial	Bons- mara, Sanga, Diary	Saa- nen, Indigi- nous, Boer- bok	Dorper	Indigi- nous
Twoomba	ADC	*Breeding *Research *Conser- vation	Waterberg	None	Mixed	Saa- nen, Boer- bok	Dorper	None
Madzhivandila	College	*Training *Research	Vhembe	Com- mercial	Sanga, Diary	Indigi- nous, Boer- bok	Dorper	None
Tompi Seleka	College	*Training *Research	Sekhukhune	Com- mercial	Nguni, mixed	Saa- nen, Indigi- nous, Boer- bok	Dorper	None
Veterinary Laboratories	Lab- services	Lab tests	Waterberg	None	None	All breeds	All breeds	None