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| Response to Parliamentary Question |
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| **QUESTION NO.:** | **368/ NW546E** |
| **TO:** | **MINISTER** |
| **FROM:** | **DIRECTOR-GENERAL** |
| **SUBJECT:** | **QUESTION 368/ NW546E FOR WRITTEN REPLY BY MR M K MONTWEDI (EFF) TO ASK THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT** |
| **CLASSIFICATION:** | **CONFIDENTIAL** |

**NA WRITTEN QUESTION 368/ NW546E**

Whether her department has any programmes to support commercial goat farmers in the (a) Chris Hani and (b) OR Tambo District Municipalities in the Eastern Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?      NW546E

Enclosed herein is the reply to question 368/ NW546E for your approval should you agree with the contents thereof. The information was supplied by Branch Agricultural Production, Health and Food Safety.

**DALRRD’S RESPONSE:**

**PQ. 368/ NW546E Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

Whether her department has any programmes to support commercial goat farmers in the (a) Chris Hani and (b) OR Tambo District Municipalities in the Eastern Cape; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW546E

1. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) does not have national programme to support commercial goat farmers in the (a) Chris Hani and (b) OR Tambo District Municipalities in the Eastern Cape.

However, the Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) provides technical, advisory and veterinary support to goat farmers in the province of the Eastern Cape. Furthermore the DRDDAR in collaboration with the University of Fort Hare are improving local goat production through research and goat development programme.

Improved goats are distributed to local goat farmers under DRDAR Livestock Production Improvement programme in order to improve food security through goat production in communities.