**Karoo AGRI**

**Student and staff housing**

**Retail and training**

**Internet and software solutions technology**

**and quality control facilities**

**Large warehouse and cold storage facilities**

**vegetables.**

**Small determined**

**Abattoir facilities**

**Expansion of Hydroponics project to 16,000m².**

**FPSUs identified:**
- Murraysburg: Prince Albert
- Lainsburg: Merwervale
- Possibly Leeu Gamka

**Additional FPSUs may be identified by stakeholders as the Agri Park implementation evolves.**
- 1 Agri hub located in Beaufort West.
- 1 Shared RUM located either in Beaufort West or Oudtshoom (stakeholder decision required).

**Proposed Agro-Processing business opportunities aligned to the primary and support commodities:**

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b) One tannery to be located in Beaufort West.

c) Waterless Wool and Mohair Cleaning & Processing Facility Agri Park in Beaufort West.

d) Lucerne pill processing facility (possibly located in Eden District).

e) Resuscitation of Beaufort West hydroponics focusing on vegetables.

f) Goat Milk Product Manufacturing at Laingsburg Goat Milk.

g) Olive processing (also SA olives branding support to obtain SA olives sticker is needed).

h) Stone Fruits: Apricots and proposed Prince Albert fruit drying facility.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS**

**NEXT STEPS**

**POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

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 FPSUs. 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:

- Improved economic transformation, empowerment and inclusive growth
- Increased employment
- Increased and more sustainable agricultural production
- Increased income generation and poverty reduction
- Increased access to markets
- Skills development
- Enterprise development for small and emerging farmers
- Increased food security
- Increased tax revenue and municipal rates and service revenue.
- Economic growth and increase in Gross Geographic Product.