

**Agriculture Potentials and Investment Opportunities in the Southern Nations,
Nationalities and Peoples Regional State**

It is known that the regional economy depends on agriculture. It is the back bone of the regional economy accounting for more than 90 percent of the total employment and contributes more than 73% to regional GDP. The region is endowed with wide- ranging climatic conditions and resource bases which support several farming systems. Due to those all types of Cereals, Fiber Crops, Oil seeds, fruits, vegetables, Peas, Beans, Ground nuts , Sunflowers, Beverage crops (tea and coffee), Spices, Clove, Cardamoms, Ginger, Black pepper, hell and herbs, Horticulture, Citrus, Banana, Mongo, Papaya, Avocado, Pineapple and industrial crops like cotton are widely grown in the region.

The South Regional Government designs tremendous agricultural policies which are convenient for integrating and modernizing the agricultural sector. It strongly motivates investors to invest in the region and modernize their way of doing-business in agricultural sector. Moreover, regional government supports and initiates investors to produce more agricultural products which are best quality and competent in domestic and international markets.

The Regional Government supportive polices, rules and regulations, incentives, adequate guarantee and protection, infrastructural facilities have accelerated the inflow of agriculture projects from year to year.

The Regional State is pleased to invite domestic and international investors who want to invest in agricultural sector. For potential investors, the Regional Government prepared 301 thousands hecters rural fertile land in 'zones' and special district.

For more details information, you can see the following tables:

RURAL LAND PREPARED FOR INVESTMENT

No	Zone/woreda	Location	Amount of land prepared in hectar	Suitable for
1	Bench Maji	- Bero -meant Golday - meant shasha	24,950 16,650 12680 54280	- Animal farming - Vegetable - Coffee - Spices - Oil crops
	Total			
2	Kafa	- Decha - Cheta - Bitta	37312.99 707.76	- Teff - pepper - Fruits -Ginger - Groundnat - Sesame
	Total		36020	
3	Deboub Omo	- Dasenech - Debub Ari - Hammer - Salamago - Gnagatom	87,900 14,704 15,000 4,000 60,000	- Crop Production - Fruits & Vegetables cotton, jatrpha - Sesame, Animal - farming - Seame, Animal faming - Banana, mango pepper
	Total		181,604	
4	Gamo Gofa	- A/ zuria - M/ Abaya - Mekaza - Kucha - Gezz- Gofa - Kambo Denba	210 4782.90 188.38 209.98 108 217.49 545 6433.32	-Jatropha Animal farming - Eco-tourism - Sesame, cotton , fattening - Sesame, cotton, animal fattening - Crop production
	Total			
5	Shaka	- Masha - Andiricha - yeki	5069.62 339.04 773.00	- Coffee, spices - Apiculture -Ginger production - Crop production
	Total		5285.43	
6	Dawuro	- Tocha - Gena Bossa - Loma - Esira	164 345 1040 7950 9490	- Crop production cotton, pepper - Vegetable & fruit - Vegetable & fruit -Banana,groundnut sugar cane
	Total			
7	Gedeo	-Bule woreda - Gredeb Woreda	36 102	- Agricultural development
	Total		138	

8	Sidama total	- Bona zuria - Chuko daga - Loko Abaya - Awassa zuria	372.2 300 100 1500 1.4 2273.6	Agricultural development
No	Zone/woreda	Location	Amount of land prepared in hectar	Suitable for
9	Gurage Zone Total	- Cheha - Endegagn -M/Akillil - Meskan - Enemorna Enner - Getta Azsa	71.54 77.3 50 106.3 82.00 139.00 77.21 685.18	- Forestry - Agro forestry
10	Konta Sp.Woreda	konta	6430	Agricultural development
11	Burji Sp.Woreda		910	Agricultural development
12	Yem Sp.Woreda		400	Agricultural development
13	Welayta Total	<u>Humbo-</u> Abiy bisorea Abaya Kindo <u>koysha</u> Mashenga Kindo Daye	 200 500 100 2925 100 3425	Agricultural development
Sum Total			307,295.7	

**Rural Land Price (Rent)
For Agricultural Development**

No	Zone/sp.wareda	Rent letar ET.Birr	
		1 st grade	2 nd grade
1	Gomo Gofa	78	47
2	Sidama	117	71
3	Kafa	63	38
4	Wolayita	78	47
5	Dawuro	49	30
6	Sheka	63	38
7	Dehub Omo	49	30
8	Bench Maji	49	30
9	Gurage	105	64
10	Gedeo	86	52
11	Hadiya	103	62
12	Kambat Tembaro	100	61
13	Silte	105	64
Special Woreda			
1	Konso	52	36
2	Derashe	63	38
3	Amaro	59	36
4	Burji	58	36
5	Yem	63	38
6	Konta	49	30
7	Basketo	49	30
8	Alaba	100	61