

Managing Togetherness: Establishing a Collective-ownership Farm in the Eastern Cape

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ABSTRACT This post 1994 South African land reform programme has made funds available through the Land Acquisition and Settlement grant system, in order to enable needy black families to obtain access to land. In 1996, a group of 110 such families pooled their grants and purchased two formerly white-owned farms in the Queenstown area of the Eastern Cape. They have elected to run these two farms on a collective-ownership basis. This paper examines their achievements and the social and economic problems that they face in trying to manage themselves as a collective.