

Invest in South Sudan's Agriculture

Steps	Est. Time	Cost
1. Engage the South Sudan Investment Authority to understand investment opportunities and process	1-2 working days	Free
2. Secure letter of no objection from Ministry of Foreign Affairs (optional if below documents are notarized from home country)	1-2 working days	Free
3. Register a business through the Ministry of Justice to receive Certificate of Incorporation. <i>Required documents:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certified copies of the incorporation documents (Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation) in country of incorporation ▪ Certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation in country of incorporation ▪ Resolution of the Board of Directors for setting up a branch/subsidiary office in South Sudan ▪ Authorization letter to register a branch/subsidiary office in South Sudan from company legal representative ▪ Initial approval (letter of no objection) from Ministry of Foreign Affairs ▪ Bank statement from country of current incorporation ▪ Cover letter (optional) from a local advocate verifying that the documents comply with all requirements of incorporation ▪ Formal application addressed to the Chief Registrar to be registered as a branch/subsidiary office in South Sudan 	5 workings days	1,347 SSP (approx. 360 USD)
4. Open local bank account. <i>Required document:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passports of signatories 	2-3 working days	Free
5. Register with the Directorate of Taxation by filling out Form 17 (receive a Taxpayer Registration Certificate & Tax ID). <i>Required document:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Registration certificate 	Same day	Free
6. Engage Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives and Rural Development on specific business opportunity	—	Free

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives & Rural Development

The Republic of South Sudan **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives, and Rural Development** strives to transform the country's agriculture to achieve food security. The Ministry focuses on accomplishing this through development of a scientific, market-oriented, competitive and profitable agricultural system without compromising the sustainability of natural resources for future generations.

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Agricultural Overview

South Sudan holds extraordinary agriculture potential, with almost 30 million hectares suitable for farming. Varied climactic zones, fertile soil and ample rain water create ideal conditions for a wide variety of food and cash crops, with the potential of yielding two crop cycles a year in much of the country.

There are many agriculture opportunities with high return on investment, including bringing current production to scale, developing new production capacities, and investing in processing, storage, and commercialization. South Sudan's government is committed to support agribusinesses and consumer product companies, to achieve a thriving agriculture sector, diversified economy, and food security.

Why South Sudan?

- Offers **30 million hectares of arable land with only 5% under cultivation**
- **Excellent conditions for tree plantations**, especially teak, eucalyptus, mahogany, and sandalwood
- High yield rates from varied climatic zones and solar radiation; some areas are able to support **two crop cycles a year**
- The **White Nile River** and its tributaries run through **7 out of 10 states**, providing ready access to an abundant water supply and river transport access for agriculture producers
- Local firms have begun successful production of **maize, sorghum, and oilseeds**
- **Large domestic market** for agriculture products, as food imports reached \$262 million in 2010
- Agriculture is a **top priority** for government with a **wide range of incentives and land tenure options**
- South Sudan is **no longer subject to U.S. Sudanese Sanctions Regulations**: http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/south_sudan_12082011.pdf

Opportunities in Agriculture

- Large production potential in **cereals, oilseeds, gum arabic, and sugar** sourcing to key local, regional, and international markets
- **Highest livestock per capita** in the world, with high potential for **meat and hide sales from 23 million head of cattle, sheep, and goats**
- Commercial opportunities in **sustainable fisheries** (tilapia, Nile perch, catfish)
- **Over 15,000 hectares of mature tree plantations**, offering **large potential for forestry processing and production**
- Opportunities for adjacent business including **irrigation, processing, equipment, inputs, and crop marketing**



Region	Suitable Crops		
Greenbelt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maize ▪ Fruits ▪ Vegetables ▪ Irish Potatoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oil palm ▪ Tea ▪ Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tropical Forestry ▪ Horticulture ▪ Gum Arabic
Ironstone Plateau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sorghum ▪ Groundnuts ▪ Sesame 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunflower ▪ Livestock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oilseeds ▪ Gum Arabic
Nile Sobat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sugar Cane ▪ Rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oilseeds ▪ Gum Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sorghum
Flood Plains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rice ▪ Sugar Cane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sesame ▪ Gum Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Groundnuts ▪ Oilseeds
Hills and Mountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wheat ▪ Fruits ▪ Forestry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tea ▪ Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Horticulture ▪ Gum Arabic
Arid Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gum Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livestock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sugar Cane



South Sudan is home to one of the largest livestock herds in Africa, with numerous opportunities for development of the sector.

Investing in South Sudan

- South Sudan has developed a **detailed strategic investment plan** aimed at **achieving food security by 2014**
- The **National Effort for Agricultural Transformation (NEAT)** prioritizes **investment** and measures **output**, and articulates a **clear role for the private sector**
- Domestic market of **over 10 million** with a **large international Diaspora** community interested in **returning for new economic opportunities**
- **Investment Promotion Act of 2009** provides **investor protections** in 7 areas, including **guarantees against expropriation**, protection for **intellectual property rights**, and mechanisms for **dispute resolution**
- South Sudan provides **long-term leases for agricultural projects**
- **Preferential access to the U.S. market** via African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)
- Plan to develop **public-private partnerships** to facilitate investment in key sectors