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UPLIFTING THE NKANDLA COMMUNITY

Farmer's Day is celebrated every year by all the Districts in KwaZulu-Natal, to promote awareness and reward farmers for their contribution to society.

The Nkandla Farmers held their Farmer's Day at Kwa-Magwaza Court. The purpose of the event was to uplift and empower black developing farmers to continue farming as well as to educate them on how to develop more skills in farming so that each farmer can produce a good and healthy crop.

The slogan of the day was "Knowledge is Power", affirmation that with the correct skills and information, anything is possible.

Various projects were visited and it was evident that the Nkandla Farmers have the knowledge and experience in farming.

The Farmer's Day was attended by people from different agricultural sectors and guests were entertained with motivational talks, information on scientific farming, storage and marketing of their produce. Farmers were advised to test their soil before starting any planting.

RASET (Radical Agrarian Socio Economic Transformation) is the programme initiated by government in order to assist the local farmers. The purpose of this programme is to open market doors for local farmers. In order for this programme to function properly, local farmers in each community need to communicate with each other regarding what type of produce will be sold at the market thereby giving all farmers a chance to sell their produce.

Sibusiso Mbatha, who works for the Agricultural Development Services within the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, advised all farmers to develop a Business Plan as this will assist farmers to be taken seriously in the business world. The extension officers representing the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, encouraged farmers to motivate their children to study Agricultural Science to enable growth of the agricultural industry.



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