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KZN DARD BUILDS A GOATS ABATTOIR FOR THE COMMUNITY OF UMSINGA

Today the Provincial Government is in the area of Cwaka, Msinga. Here all the Provincial MEC's lead by Hon. Premier Senzo Mchunu have gathered for the launch of the second Inkululeko Development Project and Poverty Eradication Master Plan.

This will see the development of rural areas into thriving towns with a progressive agricultural sector. The Departments have focused all their specific efforts into developing uMzinyathi District, which is one of the poorest in the Province, into a success.

In ensuring this from a vision into reality, KZN DARD MEC Cyril Xaba, realised the potential of uMsinga through Goats as a thriving commodity as per the commodity approach in his new strategy of Agrarian Reform and Transformation. Just last week the 30th of January 2016, uMsinga experienced a groundbreaking event where the Department held a Goats Expo and Goats meat Cook-off competition. This was to open doors for the community of uMsinga to participate in the agricultural economy.

"uMsinga must be the Hub of goats meat in the Province and possibly the country. Chevon (goats meat) must be available in every butchery and store in the Province and the country. This can only be done by you people of uMsinga and with our support, you can move uMsinga forward "MEC Xaba said at the Sod turning of the goat abattoir in uMphelankani, uMsinga.

The Department together with its entity ADA (Agri-business Development Agency), are building a **goat's** abattoir with the capacity of accommodating cattle and other livestock. These are some of the interventions the Department is using to ensure food security, participation in the agricultural economy and the mitigation of the effects of drought in the Province.

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MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, encouraging students of Bhambatha High School to carry on working hard in uMsinga



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