



## agriculture & rural development

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### **Media Advisory**

#### **MINISTRY WARNS LIVESTOCK FARMERS ON THE STOCK THEFT RISE IN THE FESTIVE SEASON**

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KZN has been receiving reports of stock theft in various regions of the province since the beginning of December. It would seem that during this time of the year there is a spike in the rate of stock theft such as cattle, goats and sheep in the province. Whilst this upward trend cannot be pinned down to any particular reason during this time as a causal effect, we are however calling for farmers and households with such type of livestock especially in our rural communities, to look after their stock against theft both in grazing lands and in their kraals.

Whilst those who have become victims of theft must report to the traditional structures of authority in the community, including *Izinduna* and *Amakhosi*, but we are insisting on involving police by way of opening cases for investigation.

As the Department, we are cautioning our people to adopt additional measures to protect their livestock during this festive season. Where there are livestock associations, we urge them to coordinate their members and work with Community Policing Forums and local police stations on preventative measures.

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