



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**  
**AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**SITHOLE-MOLOI TO LAUNCH A MULTI-MILLION RAND TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT,  
INPUTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FARMER SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

The Government of KwaZulu-Natal has set its sights on reviving agricultural produce in the Province, which was heavily affected during the COVID 19 period. The agricultural production has declined by 7% in the last quarter. These figures affect commercial, emerging and small-scale farming. In line with this, the Department has also assessed at least 39 land reform farms as part of a multi-million rand farmer support package aimed at claiming back to production over 772 million hectares of arable land lying fallow in over 1200 farms province-wide, this year.

In order to ensure that productivity on land reform farms continuously increase and positively affects household food security, employment rate, independence and social stability, the province is investing over R 57,2 million to kick start the farmer support package on 39 low risk small-holder and commercial farms in all 11 districts, this year.

The farmer support package includes tractors, implements, crop production and infrastructure inputs, water harvesting and water rights.

Therefore, as part of farmer support and development for food and nutrition security and economy recovery, MEC of DARD, Bongiwwe Sithole-Moloi, graciously requests you to attend and report on the outcomes of this launch aimed at recovering farm productivity for the food and nutrition economics of the large groups of people that are hungry in the province.

This engagement will take place as follows:

**Venue:** eDondotha, uMfolozi Municipality, King Cetshwayo District

**Time:** 09:00 am

**Date:** 03 November 2020

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