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KZN AGRICULTURE MEC RESPONDS TO LIGHTNING WHICH WREAKED HAVOC IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN KOKSTAD

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bongiwe Sithole-Moloi will be visiting the area of Kokstad after 22 cattle were struck by lightning at the weekend.

The assessment will also include coming up with preventative measures to mitigate the effects of such disasters in the future. More than eight communities were affected including the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Research Station. Part of the visit will include the monitoring of affected farmers and those that were left destitute by the tragic ordeal.

MEC Sithole-Moloi has expressed deep concern about the climate change impact on the communities. This follows recent floods that engulfed the midlands, leaving many communities destitute and affected farm production.

"I would like to urge residents to exercise extreme caution and to follow weather reports so that they can stay updated on the conditions in the area," said MEC Sithole-Moloi.

Members of the media are invited to attend the meeting.

The meeting is planned as follows:

DATE : Tuesday, 22 February 2022

VENUE : Kokstad Research Station

TIME : 10:00 am

*Media tours can be arranged on request by media to the affected farms.

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