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**MEC ZUMA ASSURES WOMEN A PLACE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hon. Super Zuma, has urged women and young people to take part in the agricultural sector, stating that there is a need for them to play an integral role in transforming the agricultural sector.

"As a Department, we pride ourselves on the hard work and success we witness throughout the province when inspecting projects managed by female farmers. I want to assure all young aspiring female farmers that we are committed to alleviate emerging farmers into commercial farmers" said Zuma.

MEC Super Zuma said this during the handover of a piggery project at Ntuso Farm, which is a 2500-hectare farm situated on the outskirts of Bulwer, under Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Local Municipality.

The MEC further said young people have been trained and facilitated in modern and innovative agricultural methods and for us to increase agricultural produce, it is critical to introduce young people with vibrant knowledge.

I have observed a great deal of commitment and dedication showcased by our female farmers, which is why we have devised strategies that seek to introduce farmers to commercial markets and even venture into international markets, stated Super Zuma.

The MEC further commended the Ntuso Farm for effectively tapping into the market, as they are already supplying PicknPay, Spar and other retail stores.

"I'm calling upon all women to soldier on and emanate acts of resilience showcased by our former heroines. The likes of the great Lillian Ngoyi, Winnie Madikizela Mandela and many others.

In order to overcome poverty, inequality and unemployment in our province, women and youth should organize themselves into business niches that cater to each demand in the value chain." MEC Zuma stated

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