



## **KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

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### **KZN DARD CAUTIONS FARMERS AGAINST POSSIBLE VELD FIRES AS INCLEMENT WEATHER PERSISTS**

As the province continues to experience damaging winds that could exacerbate the risk of veld fires, the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (KZN DARD) is urging farmers to take extra precaution to avoid irrevocable damage during this time.

Veld fires can cause catastrophic losses of livestock, grazing pastures, crops, farming equipment, infrastructure and even the loss of lives. KZN DARD MEC, Ms. Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa, is calling upon farmers, in particular those in the rural areas, to be hyper vigilant as the current weather could have devastating effects.

“Current harsh conditions are posing a threat to farmers and agri workers in the province. We are mostly concerned about those in the rural areas as fires can quickly spread out of control. To minimise damage in case of a veld fire, farmers should apply all measures of control to protect livestock and their crops. We are monitoring the province for emergencies and we will avail our services working with other stakeholders should the need arise,” said MEC KaMadlopha-Mthethwa.

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