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KZN DARD UNPACKS DROUGHT INTERVENTION PLAN TO FARMERS

KwaZulu-Natal has been hit by a drought disaster which has caused severe socio-economic impacts to the farming fraternity. This is due to the below than normal rainfall over the last two years and the unprecedented climatic conditions over the past five years especially in the last 24 months.

The prolonged drought is dramatically affecting all water supply for agricultural production in all urban and rural areas, thus threatening the viability of subsistence, small-scale and commercial farmers' livelihoods in the Province.

MEC Cyril Xaba, in addressing some of the interventions that the Department will be undertaking for drought relief, will on Saturday 21 November 2015, share and engage in discussion with Executive members of Livestock, Beef and Dairy Commodity Associations at the Department of Public Works in Mayville, Durban.

Here Department will further unpack the roll-out of the R114 million it has availed to assist farmers affected by drought in the Province. In this meeting, the MEC will be joined by members of Organised Agriculture, Beef and Dairy Commodity associations and Departmental experts on the matter, to be part of his panel.

Members of the media are hereby invited to attend this meeting.

The meeting will take place as follows:

DATE: SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2015

TIME: 09:00 AM

**VENUE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MAYVILLE, DURBAN**

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