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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

KZN DARD HERALDS THE PLANTING SEASON WITH THE LAUNCH OF COMMUNAL ESTATES AT THE NXAMALALA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL AREA IN IMPENDLE

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KZN lead by MEC Cyril Xaba, will officially welcome spring with the launch of communal estates and projects focused at rural development. Over **292 tractors** will be rolled-out in separate occasions to communal estates throughout the Province.

The introduction of the new strategy on Agrarian Reform and Transformation in the Department saw many programmes that the Department was known to advocate, being discontinued. This meant that the Department had to formulate programmes and projects that are aligned with the new strategy. Communal estates are one of the four pillars used in the implementation of this strategy. This consist of cooperatives from various communities that have been registered and are viable to be assisted by the Department with direct funds, tractors, implements and vouchers for seeds.

On the day MEC Cyril Xaba lead the Hon. Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Senzo Mchunu and accompanied by the First Lady of the Republic of South Africa Mrs. Sizakele MaKhumalo Zuma, will officially launch four Communal Estates with land over 767ha for the planting of maize. Here, the dignitaries will also partake in handing over of 12 tractors, input vouchers and funding agreements to the estates. Various Departments in the Province have invested significantly in Impendle and it is through this, that the area has been identified to establish an Agricultural Production Centre, which is aligned with the Agri-Parks strategy.

The Launch will take place as follows:

DATE: TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2015

TIME: 8:00 AM

VENUE: NXAMALALA SPORTS FIELD, ENZINGA IMPENDLE

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