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KZNDARD OPENS A WINDOW OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNAL FARMERS

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One of the main objectives of the Agrarian Reform and Transformation strategy is for agriculture to become a science and a business. This is exactly what transpired at Enyokeni Royal Palace in Nongoma. His Majesty, the King Goodwill Zwelithini in partnership with KZNDARD, held **the first ever Farmer's day and livestock auction focusing on a special breed of indigenous cattle, the Boran.**

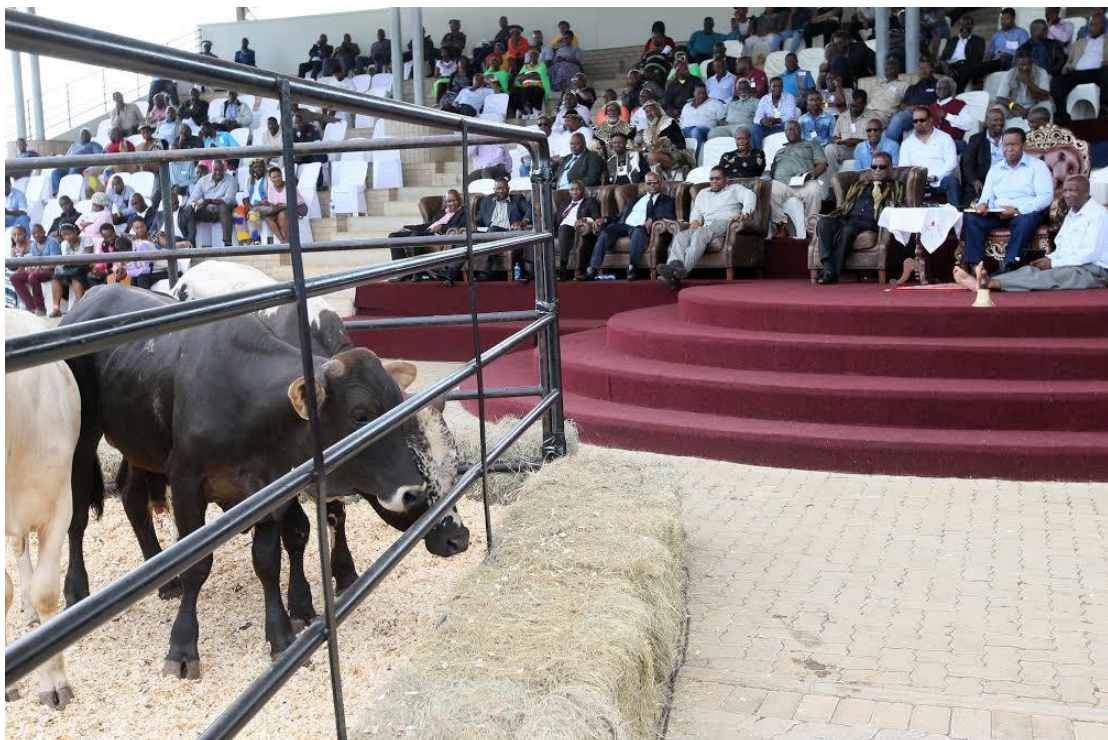
Over 118 cattle were auctioned including 16 thoroughbred Boran, 30 crossbreeds and about 60 Nguni cows. **A total of 74 of His Majesty's** cattle went under the hammer leaving just a little under 44 left.

The participation, mostly by communal farmers, proved to be pivotal in instilling the culture of economic participation in the sector. Such programmes are used as tools for the introduction of the Genetic Livestock Improvement programme, which will see indigenous breeds like the Boran being introduced to communities to bring a competitive edge to communal farmers for an enhanced economic participation.

MEC Cyril Xaba urged farmers in the Province to participate in these kinds of activities and said that such events are information sharing sessions where the gap between the emerging and commercial sector will be closed. This event was declared by the MEC to be an annual event for farmers throughout the Province to participate in.



His Majesty, the King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu together with KZN Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Cyril Xaba, Prime Minister of Zulu Kingdom Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, House of Traditional Leaders Provincial Chairperson Inkosi Phathisizwe Chiliza and KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Head of Department Dr Sipiwe Mkhize arriving at the Enyokeni Royal Palace for the Livestock Auction



Participants at the livestock auction



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His Majesty, the King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu thanking KZN Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Cyril Xaba for hosting a successful livestock auction



His Majesty, the King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu together with KZN Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Cyril Xaba and the team that worked during the auction sale



MEC Xaba attended the evening celebration commemorating the 44 years of His Majesty, the King Goodwill Zwelithini kaBhekuzulu on the throne. Here, the King is seen handing over a cheque to the South African Rugby Legends Association