



## agriculture & rural development

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### **Media Alert/ Invite**

#### **DENMARK LEARNERSHIP PROGRAMME HAS EQUIPPED KWAZULU-NATAL STUDENTS WITH LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT SKILLS**

The KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development lead by MEC Cyril Xaba, through its entity A.D.A (Agri-business Development Agency) will host a graduation ceremony of 15 students where they will be honoured with certificates after completing a 10 months training programme focusing on modern agriculture, especially intensive livestock management.

This training came about through a partnership between Agri-business Development Agency (ADA) and Dalum Academy of Agricultural Business, based in Denmark, where the training was conducted. Its initial focus was for the development of young farmers participating in the livestock sector.

Many projects ran by emerging livestock farmers in KwaZulu-Natal have failed to yield expected results due to a lack of expertise and adequate experience. The aim of this partnership is to strengthen the management of livestock with emphasis on the agribusiness side of farming which will improve the understanding of animal welfare, environmental protection and sustainability which is currently lacking under the emerging farmers sector.

The programme has only been going on for one year with an intake of 15 students each year for a three-year period, hence 45 students will be trained in total. The ceremony will cater for graduates who were involved with the programme for the 2014/15 financial year.

The ceremony will take place as follows:

**Date: 26 June 2015**

**Venue: Hilton Hotel, Hilton (Pietermaritzburg)**

**Time: 18:00**