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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

DAFF AND DARD VISIT DROUGHT STRICKEN FARMERS

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries General Bheki Cele together with the KZN Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Cyril Xaba, visited the area of kwaMthethwa in uMfolozi to meet with drought stricken sugarcane farmers on 11 April 2016.

uThungulu District Municipality has been one of the worst affected by drought in the Province and the emerging sugarcane sector is bearing the brunt the most. To date, the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development with the assistance of the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, has spent over R140 million on the emerging sugarcane sector. These funds have been pivotal in the implementation of Ratoon management and other agricultural aspects of the sugarcane sector.



National Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries General Bheki Cele together with MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba and uMntwana Mthethwa from Kwa-Mthethwa Traditional Council during their tour visit to drought stricken sugarcane farms at KwaMthethwa under the Umfolozi Local Municipality



National Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries General Bheki Cele together with MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba and uMntwana Mthethwa from Kwa-Mthethwa Traditional Council tasting sugarcane



General Bheki Cele together with MEC Cyril Xaba and uMntwana Mthethwa from Kwa-Mthethwa Traditional Council tasting sugarcane



General Bheki Cele together with MEC Cyril Xaba testing the soil at Kwa-Mthethwa under the Umfolozi Local Municipality

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