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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

KZN DARD GOAT EXPO AND COOK-OFF COMPETITION IN UMSINGA

The MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, hosted the Goat expo and Goat meat Cook-off competition in the area of Mphelankani in uMsinga.

uMsinga is one of the poorest areas in the Province and it is one of the hardest hit by the current drought that is hampering the Province. In spite of all these setbacks and challenges, this area is rich in communal goat farming and when you drive past the area you can't help but admire the abundance of the creature on the hills and the valleys of uMsinga.

To introduce the people of the area to commercial goat farming and to change the mindset of people towards goats, the Department held the expo to showcase the different breeds of goats from in and around South Africa. With that, was a cook-off by the local goat cooperatives to see who best can prepare the most delicious dish. Prizes were given to the winners of the cook-off to motivate the community to see goats meat in a different light.

Also in attendance at this event, was his Majesty the King Goodwill Zwelithini and some of the members of the Royal family.

Please see attached, a copy of the English and Zulu version of the MEC Xaba's speech.



His Majesty the King Goodwill Zwelithini together MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, during their tour visit at uMsinga Goats Expo



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His Majesty the King Goodwill Zwelithini together with MEC Cyril Xaba, during the goat meat dish tasting



His Majesty the King Goodwill Zwelithini together with MEC Cyril Xaba and Competition Judges congratulating Hlahlakazi Co-Operative on winning the Best Goat Dish Competition

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