

COMMUNITY FARMERS GET A CATTLE DONATION TO BOOST HERD GENETICS

Several of the six Brahman bulls that were donated to communal livestock farmers in the Ugu District.



The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Super Zuma, recently handed over six Brahman bulls to communal livestock farmers at Bethania Sports Ground in Port Shepstone in the Ugu District.

This donation is intended to bridge the gap between commercial farmers and emerging livestock farmers, while also increasing red-meat production in the province. "It is important for farmers to ensure that their livestock is always in good health so that they can make a good profit from it and make it easier for the livestock to be sold," said Zuma.

A livestock grazing camp in the area was also fenced by the department in an attempt to ensure that the livestock herds maintain a good state of health and are ready for auctions

and the ever-demanding market.

In response to widespread food insecurity, the department also gave farmers farming implements, fertiliser, seedlings and mechanisation services for tractors, ploughing and other tools.

Zuma also spent time interacting with community members to create awareness of the departmental programmes and to further understand some of the challenges that are faced by the communities at service delivery level. — Supplied.

RIGHT: KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Super Zuma, in action as he helps erect a fence to secure the donated cattle. **PHOTOS: SUPPLIED**

