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NEW FARMING TECHNIQUES TO TACKLE HUNGER

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KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, KZN Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli and KZN Agriculture and Rural Development head of department Zibusiso Dlamini. | Supplied

Durban — In an effort to end food insecurity and promote climate-resilient agriculture in KwaZulu-Natal, the provincial Multi-Planting Season was launched at the Pomeroy Sports ground in Msinga on Tuesday.

In attendance were local farmers and members of the community. Premier Thamsanqa Ntuli stated that this initiative signifies a commitment to providing support and solutions to the most vulnerable communities, particularly those that struggle with hunger on a daily basis. As part of the launch, farmers were introduced to alternative farming methods that leverage resilient crop varieties and sustainable practices. This was designed to stimulate food production while ensuring ecological balance.



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The Multi-Planting Season campaign also highlighted the potential of agriculture as a powerful tool for economic upliftment.

Ntuli encouraged local leaders to engage with their local municipalities. Ntuli unveiled innovative farming techniques aimed at empowering local farmers and enhancing food production across the province. Ntuli said it is disheartening to know that many families in the province still go to bed without a meal.

“This year, our aim is to focus our resources and initiatives on these communities to ensure that no one has to face such dire circumstances. We urge all farming communities to take part in this campaign and to start planting earnestly,” Ntuli said.

Ntuli said by using data-driven strategies and community engagement, the initiative seeks to foster sustainable agricultural practices that can withstand the effects of climate change, thereby securing the food supply and improving the livelihood of many.

Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, said there are programmes in place to assist the youth who are interested in farming.

“Drawing from compelling research conducted by the Human Sciences Research Council, which revealed alarming statistics about food scarcity, the Provincial Cabinet has prioritised efforts to assist those residing in the areas hardest hit by poverty and food deprivation,” kaMadlopha-Mthethwa said.