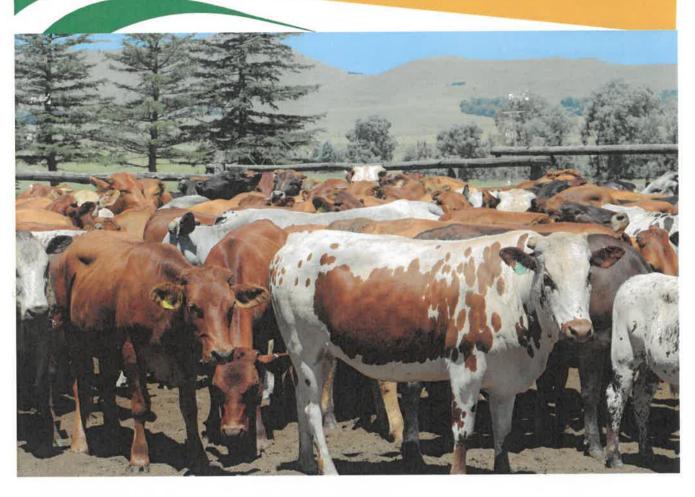


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NFP FOODS TO INVEST R9 BILLION TO PROMOTE BEEF EXPORT TO WEST AFRICA.

month in the next five years. According to Milton Myolwa, the Chair of the OR Tambo Farmers' Association (Ortafa), there are approximately 300,000 cattle in the district, which can meet the beef demand in West Africa.

The CEO of Ntinga, Mr. Loyiso Mbiko, has revealed that the entity's partnership with the O.R. Tambo Farmers Association (ORTAFA) led to the creation of this initiative that focuses on the socioeconomic development of the region. He said the livestock industry is one of the key commodities that Ntinga is prioritizing in this regard. Mbiko believes that this industry has the potential to bring about a positive change in the economic outlook of the O.R. Tambo district.

Thandi Mkhanzana, the CEO of Into Africa Business Investments Cluster, has an agreement with the OR Tambo district municipality's Ntinga Development Agency and Umzikantu Abattoir. The investment amount is set to be R360m for the first year, followed by R9bn for the next five years.



The Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, along with its parent municipality the O.R. Tambo District Municipality, and local farmers from the same district are currently in talks with Into Africa Business Investments Cluster, and FNP Foods from Ghana, to establish a partnership. This partnership aims to export red meat from the O.R. Tambo district to West Africa.

The Into Africa Business Investment Cluster has set a target of investing R9bn in the next five years to export beef to West Africa. Initially, FNP Foods plans to slaughter 2,000 cattle each month, with the number rising to 10,000 per

She said they would be slaughtering 2,000 cattle a month at the initial stages, servicing the Ghana market.

The CEO of FNP Foods, Nana Adu Boateng from Ghana, stated that West Africa is facing a shortage of cattle to meet the dietary needs of its people. In response, the company is exploring ways to source beef and chicken from within Africa to ensure that the continent becomes self-sufficient in feeding its population. Currently, 80% of Ghana's beef is imported from countries such as South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay.

# REOPENING OF KEI FRESH PRODUCE MARKET.

On January 16, 2024, the Kei Fresh Produce Market (KFPM) reopened after being closed for some time. The Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency, in collaboration with the Eyoluntu Project Market Agency, managed by Mr. Melinkqubo Ndabokutya, worked to reopen the market.

The reopening of the market is a relief for O.R. Tambo farmers who have been struggling to find a market for their produce, and for hawkers who had to buy produce at inflated prices. At KFPM, farmers can supply their produce, and hawkers can buy at reasonable prices and see their profit.

The market's core business is to market fresh produce, including a variety of edible fruits and vegetables, to retail groups, hawkers, Spaza shops, Tenderpreneurs, the government, and the public in general.



zokuncediswa ukuba bafumane iincwadi zokuphawulwa kweenkomo zabo ngomtshiso karhulumente (Animal Branding Certificate). Lo ka Mapatwana uthe xa ubani sele enayo lencwadi yomtshiso esemthethweni unako ukufaka isicelo kuNtinga ukuze azekumtshisela iinkomo zakhe. Uthe lenkqubo yenziwa yifama yase Ntinga u Adam Kok.

UMapathwana akaphelelanga ekuthetheni ngokuphawula kuphela, kodwa ukwathe I Abattoir iyazithenga iinkomo neehagu ukuze zixhelwe zithengiswe sele ziyinyama. Phakathi kweezinto ezivuselele umdla wabantu kukuvulwa kwakhona kwe Kei Fresh Produce Market (KFPM). Umnu. Mapatwana uthe abo balimayo banako ukusa iimveliso zabo e KFPM ukuze zithengiswe bafumane inzuzo. Icandelo lonxibelelwano lisasaze amaphetshana aphethe zonke iinkcukacha abe ethetha ngazo umnu. Mapatwana kubantu bale ward.



#### IMBIZO KASODOLOPHU WASE KSD

Usodolophu kumaspala we Kumkani Sabata Dalindyebo uMnu. G.N. Nelani ukhwebe imbizo kunye nabahlali bakawa ward 27 kwilali yase Thala eMqanduli ukuhlangabezana neemfuno zale ward kwanokufakana imilomo kunye nabantu balendawo. Lembizo ibibanjwe ngomhla we 27 February 2024.

LeMbizo kaSodolophu ibizinyaswe ngamasebe kaRhulumente kwanamacandelo ophuhlo aquka uNtinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency no Eastern Cape Development Corporation. Ethetha kulembizo usodolophu ubalule ukubaluleka kwamacandelo ophuhliso namasebe ka Rhulumente esithi oku kukusondeza ulwazi neenkonzo zikarhulumente kanye kwindawo ezifunaka kuyo.

UNtinga ubemelwe ngumanejala waseUMzikantu Red Meat Abattoir uMnu. Xola Mapatwana. Ethetha namakhulu abantu abebezimase lembizo ucacise ngeenkqubo zika Ntinga. Ukhuthaze abafuyi basezilalini ukuba xa benomdla wokuthengiselana ngeenkomo zabo kunye no Ntinga, okanye benomdla wokuxhamla kutshintshiselwano ngamathokazi nokubolekwa iinkunzi, mabafake izicelo



# LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY SYSTEM (LITS) DEMONSTRATION.



2024, the Department of

Rural Development

Agrarian Reform
(DRDAR) collaborated
with Ntinga O.R. Tambo
Development Agency to pilot a Livestock Identification and
Traceability System (LITS) program in Lujecweni A/A,
Jengce dipping tank under Mhlontlo Local Municipality in
O.R. Tambo District. The program was attended by local
farmers and stakeholders such as Tsolo Agricultural and

Rural Development Institute (TARDI), Walter Sisulu

University, and the South African Police Service (SAPS) stock theft unit

The main objective of the LITS program is to prevent stock theft and help livestock farmers easily identify their animals when lost. On the day, 50 cattle were tagged, and Ntinga branded 20 animals. Once animals are tagged and branded under the farmer's name, the information is captured on a system. If an animal gets lost, DRDAR officials will use a scanner to identify it, and the information about the cow will appear, including the name of the owner and the area from which the cow comes..

DRDAR reports that the program is already working in other provinces, but in the Eastern Cape, it is still under piloting. To qualify for the program once launched, farmers will need a stock card and a branding certificate. Ntinga O.R. Tambo assists O.R. Tambo farmers in applying for branding certificates and branding their animals once they receive the certificates.

Lujecweni Traditional Leader, Mr. Thamsanqa Same, said the initiative is vital for Tsolo farmers as stock theft is high in that area. Mr. Same's statement was repeated by Zakhele Tshabu who decided to move his cattle to Mclear. Mr. Same said they are happy that the government decided to pilot the program in Lujecweni, and now they will patiently wait for the tagging and branding of all their cattle and horses. This program will be launched in this same venue.





#### ZIYAQHUBA IINKUNZI ZASENTINGA

Akawuvali umlomo amafama abolekwe iinkunzi zenkomo nguNtinga ukuze aphucule imihlambi yawo, athi ziyaqhuba ezinkunzi azidlali zivelisa amathole ohlobo. Oku kuvezwe ngalamafama ngethuba amagosa ase Ntinga asebenza kwifama yase Adam Kok ewatyelela ukuhlola ezinkunzi ekwabala namathole ezithe zawenza.

Ngomhla we 19 March 2024 amagosa ase Ntinga uNkosazana Nontlahla Matatshi kunye noMnumzana Zolisa Fuzile Aqale ngokutyelela amafama aseMhlonto amabini, uMnumzana Mbongeni Vunguvungu wakwilali yaseGoqwana ku Tsolo kunye noMnumzana Charles

abenomhlambi, amathokazi neemazi ezizakuncedwa yilenkunzi, kwindawo yakhe kubekho ingca eyaneleyo okanye akwazi ukondla lenkunzi.

Kunyaka ka 2023 zisibhozo (8) linkunzi zase Ntinga ezkubolekiswe ngazo.

- 1 ise Gogwana A/A eMhlontlo LM.
- 1 ise Qunu A/A eKSD LM.
- 1 ikwifama vase Bedford eKSD LM
- 1 iseQolombana A/A eMhlontlo LM
- 4 zikumafama aseButhongweni A/A eNyandeni



Kondlo welali yaseNtibane kwakuTsolo. Omabini lamafama iinkomo zawo azigcuna e Maclear nase Ugie. Oka Vunguvungu wayifumana lenkunzi yase Ntinga ekupheleni konyaka ka 2021 kwaye izakuhlala kuye iminyaka emine ngaphambi kokuba ayibuyisele ze inikwe omnye umfama ukuba isenamandla. Ngonyaka ka 2022 imvelisele amathole angama 21, yaze ngo 2023 yamvelisela amathole angama 25. Umnu Kondlo eyakhe inkunzi uyifumene ngonyaka ka 2022, kwakulonyaka yamvelisela amathole ali 14, kunyaka olandelayo yamvelisela amathole angama 21.

Lenkqubo yokubolekisa ngeenkunzi zenkomo yinkqubo kamaspala wase O.R. Tambo ngequmrhu lawo lophuhliso uNtinga kwaye iinjongo kukuba amafama alengingqi aphucule imihlambi yawo ukuze iinkomo zawo zibesemgangathweni wokuthengiseka. Ukuze umfama akwazi ukuxhamla kulenkqubo kufuneka

Ukanti apha ku 2024 amafama aphantsi kwe Tsolo Red Meat Assiciation eMhlontlo anikwe iinkunzi ezimbini, logama enye inikezwe umfama waseMqanduli eKSD LM, not leyo ilibeka kwi 11 inani leenkunzi ezikhutshwe ngu Ntinga ukuzakuthi ga ngoku.

## O.R. TAMBO DEPUTY MAYOR OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER BULLS AND HEIFERS TO MHLONTLO AND KSD FARMERS.



Tokozile Sokanyile, offi-

cially handed over 20

heifers and 3 bulls to

Mhlontlo farmers in an

event held at Umzikantu Red Meat Abattoir. Members of the Tsolo Red Meat Association, as well as Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency management, were present at the event. One Mqanduli beneficiary received a bull. Before the official handover, beneficiaries visited Adam Kok Farms on 21 February 2024 to choose from a flock of heifers.

Speaking on the day, Ntinga CEO Mr. Loyiso Mbiko said that although Adam Kok farms are located in Kokstad, they mainly benefit the people of O.R. Tambo. All five local municipalities are benefitting from the heifer exchange program and bull loaning program. "Today we are handing over to Mhlontlo farmers and one KSD farmer," he said. He encouraged farmers who want to participate in an exchange program to register first. Ntinga will visit the farmer to see the cattle they intend to exchange. If satisfied, the farmer will be invited to go to the farm and select heifers of their choice. Mr. Mbiko said that in O.R. Tambo, there are many cattle, but they are not of the quality required for the market. The meat that goes to the market is from other provinces such as Free State. This program is designed to help local farmers improve their breeding stock. He added that Ntinga wants to buy from local farmers for Umzikantu Red Meat. He warned farmers to do business with Ntinga only when their stock is of high quality. Mr. Mbiko invited farmers from all local municipalities of O.R. Tambo to come forward as the project is for all O.R. Tambo

Deputy Mayor Sokanyile said that Umzikantu Red Meat Abattoir was established to benefit the people of O.R. Tambo and not to slaughter cattle bought from outside the district. She encouraged farmers to use the abattoir to the best of their abilities. The Deputy Mayor said a well-utilized abattoir can create more business and job opportunities. She pointed out that after slaughtering, the skins are burnt, but all they want is the opening of a tannery so that more job opportunities can be created. Ms. Sokanyile told the farmers present and Ntinga Management that the municipality is in search of an investor to purchase modern equipment for the abattoir. The Deputy Mayor mentioned the deal to export beef to West Africa, stating that the abattoir might be extended as its size is too small for the demand. She echoed the sentiments of the CEO, stating that once the farmers have quality stock, they must not hesitate to supply the abattoir.

Mr. Mlungiseleli Zilimbola, Manager of Ntinga Trading Enterprises, condemned the act of O.R. Tambo Farmers who only know Ntinga when they require heifers and bulls but prefer other areas when they have quality stock to sell.