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Urgent media invite

The MEC for the Department of Agriculture invites members of the media to an award ceremony where high-quality producing abbotoirs in the Amathole Region will be awarded for their good work.

To ensure that our visitors and citizens receive qaulity meat, theprovincial department has embarked on a partnership with two private companies; Pick 'n Pay and Jonhson Diversity to improve the qaulity of abbotoirs.

Since the beginning of the year, a pilot programme has been started where 13 functional abbotoirs in the Amathole region were audited three times and they were given advices and help to improve their status qou.

The audited abbottoirs will be entered into a competion that will have three catergories; High and low through put catergories for red meat producers and one award for poultry slaughters.

The competition is aimed at encouraging abbottoirs to be more professional and keep their slaughter places clean.

The Department is committed in ensuring that the meat from the province is of good qaulity and the programme will be spread throughout the province.

WOZA 2010! These are the words in everyones lips and all and sundry are preparing for the 2010 FIFA World Cup to be held in South Africa and this exercise will ensure that our guests during the event eat not only fresh meat but healthy meat from professional slaughter houses.

Details of the event:

Date: November 6, 2008

Time: 18:00

Venue: Gonubie Manor, East London

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