Urgent media invite

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

To ensure that our visitors and citizens receive quality meat, the provincial department has embarked on a partnership with two private companies; Pick ‘n Pay and Johnson Diversity to improve the quality of abattoirs.

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

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

The competition is aimed at encouraging abattoirs 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 quality 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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