

MARKETING FORUM RECORD OF DECISIONS

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THE MARKETING FORUM HELD ITS SITTING IN THE UGU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OFFICES IN PORT SHEPSTONE DURING NOVEMBER 2017.

Below are some of the key issues that were discussed during the sitting.

The MRL tests from PPECB Lab

A presentation on the MRL tests was provided by Mrs. Estelle Chetty from the PPECB Lab. The PPECB will send documentations, including list of commodities covered by the Lab and the costs regarding their application processes, to the secretariat for circulation to forum members. The PPECB was requested to sort out Mpumalanga's concern on the issue of delayed MRL tests results.

Review of the MIS

Forum members were urged to read and comment on the MIS review report and send their inputs to Mr. Mosese. The DAFF will make follow-ups with the CGA-GDC to provide international citrus prices for publishing on the MIS. Milk SA will provide contact details of relevant people who will provide reliable milk prices to the DAFF MIS team.

Quarterly progress report of the SA-GAP certification programme

A quarterly progress report on the implementation of the SA-GAP was tabled by the PPECB. After some discussions, the PPECB was asked to revise the quarterly report and send it to the secretariat for circulation.

Revival of the Agri-BEE funding

The DAFF has formally announced to all provinces regarding the revival of the fund. All provinces were requested to indicate to DAFF in writing if they would like to re-assess any of their applications and

to indicate if the needs of their farmers have not changed.

Progress regarding the implementation of marketing capacity building

The capacity building workshops should be aligned to the needs of farmers to avoid non-attendance. The manual section on marketing channels for pig producers should be revised to include exposure to value addition, processing and the value chain tree.

Tourism BBBEE portal and awareness

The deciduous fruit development chamber should be added to the list of agricultural producer associations. The NDT should share their agricultural awareness campaign with DAFF for the purpose of co-visiting the stakeholders. The CGA-GDC will meet the NDT on the last week of November to discuss the awareness campaign.

Benchmarking of SA-GAP against Global GAP

A detailed presentation on the benchmarking of SA-GAP against Global GAP was provided by Mrs Christi Venter. The Global Gap will send a document highlighting their rules to the secretariat for circulation. The final decision on benchmarking will be made on the 14 December 2017 in Cape Town, where Global GAP will be invited. The Global GAP was urged to start working on Livestock GAP.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The venue and date of the next meeting will be communicated to the Forum members in due course.

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