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Agriculture remains the largest contributor to provincial economic growth

Marikana: In a quest to expand and bolster the agricultural sector of the North West Province and its economy which will ultimately create more job opportunities for its people, Premier Supra Mahumapelo announced in his State of the Province Address (SOPA) that the provincial government has resolved to undertake a number of initiatives to transform and revolutionise the agricultural sector.

Speaking during the official opening of the North West Provincial Legislature, Mahumapelo said government has identified industrialization opportunities within the agricultural sector which amongst others include building of small scale agro hubs across the Province, and the establishment of a provincial feedlot, feed bank and abattoir scheme.

“As part of the province’s Saamwerk-Saamtrek initiatives, the government will work with all role players in the agricultural industry to establish these industries”.

“Today the province pride itself with the VTSD entrepreneurship development Initiatives such as black farmer commercialisation programme, establishment of North West Agricultural Fund (NAAF), agricultural market development, agriculture and agro-processing, Bokone Bophirima Wildlife Academy donkey value chain programme as well as beef export to China programme”, Mahumapelo told the Provincial Legislature.

“We are excited that our choice of agriculture as the lead sector in our economic growth strategy has been vindicated as agriculture made the largest contribution, by a significant margin, to the improved growth of our economy in the second and third quarters of 2017” said Premier Mahumapelo.

To fund more farmers and those involved in agricultural activities, the provincial government has recently established the North West Agricultural Fund (NAAF) through the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development and with North West Development Corporation (NWDC) as implementing agency.

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