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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **DEPUTY MINISTER CAPA TO HAND OVER AGROCHEMICALS TO BANANA GROWERS IN KWAZULU-NATAL**

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Ms Nokuzola Capa, will be handing over agrochemicals to affected banana growers to control Banana bunchy top virus (BBTV). The handover event will be held on 11 November 2025 at the Roselands Farm in Ugu District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal (KZN). This event is an outcome of the stakeholder engagement conducted by the deputy minister with banana growers in the Ugu District Municipality on 26 September 2025.

The Banana bunchy top disease, which is caused by BBTV is a devastating disease of bananas around the globe. The threat of BBTV in the Ugu District Municipality of KZN has been a persistent issue since 2015. The department has allocated and spent resources on agrochemicals to contain the disease and train local agricultural advisors, as well as raise awareness among local community members. The agrochemicals will be handed over to commercial, smallholder and subsistence banana growers in the presence of agricultural advisors in the province.

### **The media is invited to cover the event as follows:**

**Date:** 11 November 2025

**Time:** 08:30–15:00

**Venues:** Roselands Farm, Ugu District Municipality, KZN  
San Lameer Resort Hotel & Spa, Ugu District Municipality, KZN

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