

## DORPER SHOW SET FOR BRANDFORT

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**BLOEMFONTEIN** – South Africa will for the first time host the Dorper Genetic show competition, this year.

The BrandfortDorper Sheep Project will also participate and exhibit sheep that are products of the first phase assistance, by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

In the past the Dorper Genetic was attended by commercial farmers worldwide, officials from Kenya, Ministry of Agriculture, one official from Department of Agriculture and Rural development in the Free State province.

The Dorper was developed in South Africa (at the Grootfontein College of Agriculture) during the 1940's because South Africa had a need for a sheep breed that can produce a fast growing lamb with a good carcass. Therefore the Dorper is a proudly South African product and is also registered as a "Land Race".

The Dorper sheep has the best carcass in the industry and as proof that the Dorper Carcass has won the SAMIC National Carcass Competition for the past 15 years.

Not only have the Dorper won the competition, but it dominated the Competition to such an extent that it took 44 out of the first 50 places over the years. theDorper has also found its way to more than 30 countries across the world.

Dorper Genetics is a partnership of three beneficiaries, Mr M Ramothello, Mr F De toit and Mr L. Niekerk.

The project started with 784 ewes, infrastructure and pasture establishment. The transfer of embryos has resulted in the sale of 1000 studs Dorper rams during the current financial year.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development launched the Doper Sheep International Project, on the 16 July 2011 at Meloding Farm near Brandfort, as part of the celebration of Madiba Day.

The MEC of Agriculture and Rural Development Mosebenzi Zwane says the department is very proud that Dorpers play a big part in food sustainability in our country.

This project has created 12 permanent jobs for the community within Brandfort. During his budget speech, MEC Zwane said the Brandfort Dorper Sheep is a clear example of where technology (embryo transfers) development has culminated into a practical project.

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