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**SPEAKING NOTES FOR MEC MR OUPA KHOABANE OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT FOR GRADUATION CEREMONY**

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**GLEN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

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Officials of the College and the department

Media Houses Present

Ladies & Gentlemen

It is a pleasure for me to be part of the 93<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony in Glen College. This college serves a platform to improve Agricultural sector in the Province. Allow me to acknowledge the responsible unit responsible for training and development, to date we have train:

- Farmers on commonages
- on food security programme
- Extension officials
- Departmental staff

Through this unit we have managed to train 6500 farmers including mentorship support in last five years.

Youth development as part of key priorities of today's administration, we have trained 98 youth coming from farms in all districts of our province—this is a clear demonstration of how our government is taking youth development in rural areas serious.

### **Learnership completed**

Currently, about 24 students from Glen Village have completed the Mixed Farming level 2.

15 youth from senekal have completed a Plant production level 3 learnership.

Helbron youth, 17 students completed a Poultry production level 3 learnership

19 Youth from Odendaalsrus completed their training in Poultry processing in Level 3

11 youth from Wepener, also completed an animal Production level 4

12 Botshabelo youth from Botshabelo have completed animal production level 4

### **Learnership now running**

20 youth from Wilhemina have registered for fruit packaging and grading processes at level 3

19 youth from Diyatalawa registered for the Plant production level 4

Deneysville youth, 25 students registered for poultry processing

20 youth from Koffiefontein registered for animal production level 4

### **Learnership supported**

This youth mainly come from NARYSEC programme of the National Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. They come from various towns in the Free State.

23 students have registered for plant production at level 4.

24 students registered for animal production level 4

The abovementioned students are here with today

I thank you