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Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) denounces rural crime and farm murders

Pretoria: The Agricultural Research Council is deeply concerned about the ongoing spate of rural crime and farm murders across the country, denounces them and stands in solidarity with the agriculture sector urging swift action by law enforcement. We further request members of all our communities to assist the law enforcement with all information available.

As a public entity with over 100 years of commitment to improving the sustainability of South African farming enterprises and agricultural industries, crime and murders affect the ARC's stakeholders and erodes the security and sustainability of the agricultural sector. Crime has a negative impact on the livelihoods of all individuals, posing a threat to national and household food security, peace and social cohesion the nation so desperately needs.

ARC CEO Dr Shadrack Moephuli, "The ARC has also been affected by rural crime in the form of vandalism, theft and in some instance arson etc. We work closely with law enforcement agencies to eradicate this scourge to the nation."

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Notes to the Editors

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