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Farmers taking action and sharing skills

Harry Gwala Agri is a non-profit initiative in the farming areas of Ixopo, High Flats, Creighton, Kokstad, Donnybrook and Umzimkulu founded by commercial farmers. It is an attempt to formalise, drive, share skills, impart experience and, at times, provide financial support for neighbouring smaller-scale farmers. Now 18 months after inception, the initiative supports several projects that tackle food security, provide mentorship, drive internship programmes and source sponsorship for aspiring farmers. 'As commercial farmers, we can no longer live as islands of prosperity amid a sea of poverty. We can no longer farm alongside others who are unable to do the same because of past injustices. We need to take action,' said founder chairperson of Harry Gwala Agri, John Bredin. PHOTO: SUPPLIED