

Cattle farm  
survey will

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THE KwaZulu Govern-  
ment is to give R33 000  
to help finance a cattle  
production survey by  
the Institute of Natural  
Resources.

The balance of  
R20 000 will come from  
a charitable trust.

The survey, done in  
association with the  
INRâ\200\231s rural develop-  
ment project in the  
Biyela area in Eshowe,  
will assess the benefits  
of cattle farming, em-  
phasising the socio-cul-  
tural factors influenc-

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ing herd management,  
and decision-making  
by owners.

Led by Mr Paul Col-  
vin, a regional socio-eco-  
nomic survey of cattle  
ownership and produc-  
tion in KwaZulu will  
start soon.

The survey is aimed  
at a better understand-  
ing of the socio-econom-  
ic issues involving Zulu  
cattle owners, and at  
forming better develop-  
ment strategies for cat-  
tle farming.

Soil erosion study

being undegtaken

Daily News  
Reporter

THE KwaZulu Bureau of  
Natural Resources has  
commissioned the Insti-  
tute of Natural Re-  
sources to undertake a  
study into soil erosion in  
KwaZulu.

The publicity which  
followed cyclones De-

moina and Imboa which hit Natal/KwaZulu last year focussed attention on the effects of soil loss and environmental degradation.

The objectives of the study are:

- To map soil erosion areas in the KwaZulu portion of the Umfolozi catchment area;
- To determine priority areas for rehabilitation;

- To evaluate results

and for combatting erosion and rehabilitating eroded areas with attention to short-term and long-term proposals; e To develop a methodical framework appropriate for future soil erosion studies in KwaZulu, |

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0 To relate soil erosion risk to socio-economic factors.

The extent of soil erosion is being mapped using 1:10 000 orthophotos and Landsat images (to test their application) while the universal soil loss equation will enable prediction of potential soil loss.

The study is being conducted by an institute research fellow, Mr Bruce Liggitt.

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' policemen at the Uitenhage  
' shootings told the Kanne-  
meyer Commission he had  
been scared, but had not  
panicked during the incident.

Sergeant Gerhard Stumker  
was one of three people to give  
| evidence yesterday.

The commission heard from Dr  
Gerhard Etienne Nel of the treat-  
ment of the wounded at the scene,  
while Lieutenant John William  
Fouche was subjected to cross-ex-  
amination during which he admit-  
ted his evidence differed from a

statement he had made after the  
shooting.

Cross-examined by Mr Wim  
Trenrove (for the victimsâ\200\231 fami-  
lies), Sergeant Stumker said every-  
one in the Casspirs had been â\200\234dead  
scaredâ\200\235 during the incident.

Mr Trenrove: Did anyone ask  
when they could shoot? â\200\224 I asked  
Warrant Officer (Jacobus Wouter)  
Pentz after Lieutenant Fouche  
fired a warning shot, â\200\230Is this man  
mad? When is he going to give us  
the order to shoot?â\200\235â\200\231

And you just wanted to shoot? â\200\224  
Yes.

So the tension became too much  
for'you. â\200\224 No the tension didnâ\200\231t be-  
come too much, but I was afraid

for my life. I never panicked, but I  
have seen what these people can do  
to you. They mutilate you. I never  
panicked, but I was very scared.

Mr Trengove suggested to the sergeant that one of the policemen had opened fire without an order and that the others had followed. He put it to him that there had been no warning shot.

The witness denied this, saying police standing orders forbade the use of firearms except on orders from a superior officer.

It also emerged during Sergeant Stumker's evidence that the Casspir of which he was a crew-member was involved in two other shooting incidents on the day of the

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| Uitenhage violence.

He told the commission he had fired one round earlier in the day during unrest in Kwanobuhle township, and two shotgun cartridges after the shooting in Langa when his Casspir responded to a call for help in the quelling of the disturbance in Kwanobuhle.

Mr Trengove said photographs taken after the incident showed the tarred road was clear of stones.

Asked how the crew of the Casspirs had escaped unhurt amid what has been described as a rain of stones, Sergeant Stumker replied: The - Lord must have looked after us that day.

Mr Trengove: So, you would describe it as a miracle? That could be. It must be.

Sergeant Stumker frequently appeared to lose his temper during cross-examination, and the chairman of the commission, Mr Justice Kanne-meyer, interrupted from time to time to ask him to answer questions. -

Earlier, Lieutenant Fouche, in charge of the Casspirs at the shooting,

admitted that his evidence before the commission differed from a

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