

A school in the care of the community

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Small-town agricultural schools often struggle in today's educational climate, characterised by departmental underfunding. But Winterberg Agricultural High School has maintained its high standards, and developed its farm into a self-sufficient entity. Grant Hollins visited the school to learn more...



The hostel at Winterberg Agricultural High School provides pupils from outside Fort Beaufort with accommodation and allows them to learn and benefit from farm life while at school.

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It is often said that community is the lifeblood of an institution. For Winterberg Agricultural High School, located in Fort Beaufort in the Eastern Cape, this is especially true. After being forced to close its dairy facilities and piggery two years ago to save on labour costs, the school came to rely heavily on the support of parents and past pupils to continue providing a well-rounded practical farming experience.

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