



## FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA

The country is currently battling 56 outbreak cases of the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), involving farms and communal areas in the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, North West and Gauteng. Despite these outbreaks, the government is working hard to clear up the situation.



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA




STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



## ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK

- The outbreaks currently troubling South Africa were caused by illegal movements of animals out of the FMD controlled zones in Limpopo. Despite the fact that South Africa lost its OIE recognised FMD free zone status in 2019, the permanent movement restrictions remain in place in the FMD protection zones in Limpopo and Mpumalanga and it is illegal to move cloven-hoofed animals and their products out of the FMD protection zone without permission from the state veterinary services.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA




STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



## MINISTER DIDIZA CALLS ON CITIZENS TO STOP ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS OUT OF FMD AFFECTED AREAS

- “I call on all citizens of South Africa to stop the illegal movement of animals out of FMD affected areas. The damages caused by continued FMD outbreaks have a severe negative impact on the economy of the country, as well as the individual animal owners.”
  - “I am pleased that a 49-year old male was arrested at Masisi in the Vhembe District of Limpopo for bringing goats from the FMD controlled zone into the free zone and the law has taken its course.” Another case, where animals were illegally moved from an FMD controlled area to auctions in two provinces is being investigated. We warn perpetrators who are illegally moving animals that they will be prosecuted for contravention of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984).”
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



STAY  
SAFE


VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



# FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA

## North West—Gauteng—Free State

- Laboratory testing confirmed the outbreak of FMD between Potchefstroom and Ventersdorp in the North West. Disease investigations carried out by the North West Provincial Veterinary Services found that the FMD virus had spread to adjacent farms within a 10-kilometer radius.
  - FMD positive farms were also detected in Gauteng and the Free State through trace-forward from an auction near Potchefstroom, which took place in March 2022 and from direct sales from infected farms before the infections were detected. There are currently seven positive farms linked to this outbreak event, involving five farms in the North West, one farm in Gauteng and one farm in the Free State.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



STAY  
SAFE


VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



# FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA

## Limpopo—Gauteng

- In Thulamela District, Limpopo, further FMD infected dip tanks were identified in a previously FMD free area to the north of the disease management area, which was declared in 2019. The affected area comprises communal grazing land. Further analysis confirmed that the same SAT3 virus is responsible for the outbreaks in the Free State, North West and Gauteng.
  - In two separate incidents in April 2022, animals that originated from the vaccinated part of the FMD protection zone in Limpopo were found at two separate auctions. These auctions were stopped and the premises were placed under quarantine.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



STAY  
SAFE


VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



# FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN SOUTH AFRICA

## KwaZulu-Natal

- In KwaZulu-Natal, a further two FMD positive dip tanks were found in the Big 5 Hlabisa Municipality and Jozini Municipality. After the disease initially seemed to be under control in the disease management area, which was declared in September 2021, subsequent illegal movement of animals led to the disease escaping the disease management area, one case being the result of the movement of cattle for a *lobola* ritual. A total of 43 dip tanks have become infected in this area since the disease was first diagnosed in May 2021.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA




STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



## CONTROL MEASURES IMPLEMENTED IN FOOD AND MOUTH DISEASE AFFECTED AREAS

- All affected farms, dip tanks and other premises in the five affected provinces were placed under quarantine and no cloven-hoofed animals are allowed to move from these locations. There has been no change in the movement restrictions on cloven-hoofed animals, their products and genetic material out of, into, within or through the disease management areas, which are still in effect in KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo. The margins of the two disease management areas are being considered to include the newly affected areas and other areas at high risk owing to uncontrolled mingling of animals. Culling, like all control measures, will be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the practicality, costs, advantage and disadvantage of each scenario.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA




STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



## STATE CONTROLLED FOOD AND MOUTH VACCINATION

- The FMD vaccination campaigns in Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal are still ongoing in the areas where there is active virus circulation and where the animals are not fenced in to effectively prevent co-mingling. However, the use of the FMD vaccine is strictly controlled by state veterinary services and the vaccine is not available for sale to the general public. The FMD vaccine can only be used in pre-authorized areas after the risks have been weighed. The department has become aware of companies advertising the sale of FMD vaccines and wishes to make it clear that the sale or use of such vaccines is illegal.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



STAY  
SAFE


VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS





## SAFEGUARD YOUR HERDS TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF FOOD AND MOUTH DISEASE

- Abide by all veterinary movement restrictions.
  - Know the health status of the animals you are investing in.
  - Only buy animals that originate from known and proven sources.
  - Insist on a veterinary health declaration before animals are brought onto the farm.
  - If in doubt, request a health attestation from the seller's veterinarian.
  - Keep the new arrivals to your farm separate from your own animals for at least 28 days, and until you are satisfied that they are healthy.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA




STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS



## SAFEGUARD YOUR HERDS TO AVOID THE SPREAD OF FOOD AND MOUTH DISEASE

- Do not move animals showing signs of disease.
  - Do not buy animals from unknown origins.
  - Do not buy animals originating from known infected areas.
  - Improve biosecurity on your farm to protect your animals from diseases coming onto the farm and avoid nose-to-nose contact with the neighbour's cattle.
  - Avoid buying animals from live auctions where animals have gathered from many different origins, especially if not intended for immediate slaughter.
- 



agriculture, land reform  
& rural development

Department:

Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



STAY  
SAFE

VACCINATE TO SAVE SOUTH AFRICA

TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT CORONAVIRUS