

# Animal Disease Reporting for the month December 2020

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## Introduction

According to the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984) Controlled and Notifiable Diseases must be reported to the local State Veterinarian. The local State Veterinarian compiles a monthly report on diseases that occurred in his/her State Vet Area and submits this report to the Provincial Director of Veterinary Services. At a Provincial level, all these reports are combined to compile a disease report for the province and this report is submitted to the Sub-Directorate Epidemiology in the Directorate Animal Health at the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. All the provincial reports are combined to compile a national disease report.

### Purpose of disease reporting

Reasons for disease reporting are:

- Proof of freedom
- Detection of outbreaks of important diseases
  - Prevent the spread of the disease
  - Institute control programs
  - Eradication of a disease
  - Warn neighbouring farmers/trade partners/neighbouring countries
  - Prevent the spread/occurrence of a disease in humans, e.g. rabies
  - Decrease the economic impact of a disease
  - Prevent spread of diseases to trading partners
- Disease control

### Summary Statistics of the December 2020 report

Total number of outbreak and vaccination reports (data lines)	1625
Total number of outbreaks	74
Total number of animals involved (cases)	1712
Total number of diseases involved in outbreaks	32
Total number of State Vet Areas that reported	101
Total number of Local Municipalities reported from	150
Total number of species involved in outbreaks	10

## Reported Disease Outbreaks

The following tables indicate the disease outbreaks reported by the Provincial Veterinary Services.

### Controlled Diseases

The following table indicates the reports of Controlled Diseases

	Eastern Cape Province	Free State	Gauteng	Kruger National Park	KwaZulu-Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West Province	Northern Cape Province	Western Cape Province	Total
African Horse Sickness	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
African Swine Fever	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bovine Brucellosis (Brucella abortus )	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Bovine Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium bovis)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
FMD - Virus SAT 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Newcastle Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rabies	0	3	0	0	16	1	1	1	0	0	22
Salmonella enteritidis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Sheep Scab	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total	0	10	4	0	18	3	2	2	0	10	49

## Notifiable diseases

The following table indicates the reports of Notifiable diseases

	Eastern Cape Province	Free State	Gauteng	Kruger National Park	KwaZulu-Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West Province	Northern Cape Province	Western Cape Province	Total
Bluetongue	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lumpy Skin Disease	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Swine Erysipelas / Diamond skin disease	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4

## Other diseases

The following table indicates the reports of diseases that are not Controlled or Notifiable. Reporting of these diseases are not compulsory.

	Eastern Cape Province	Free State	Gauteng	Kruger National Park	KwaZulu-Natal	Limpopo	Mpumalanga	North West Province	Northern Cape Province	Western Cape Province	Total
Avian Salmonellosis (Excluding B308 And B313)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Babesiosis (Redwater)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Blackleg (Sponssiekte)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Canine Babesioses	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Canine Distemper	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Canine Parvo Virus	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4
Contagious Pustular Dermatitis / Orf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cysticercosis (Cysticercus bovis)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Heartwater	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Other Clostridial Infections	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

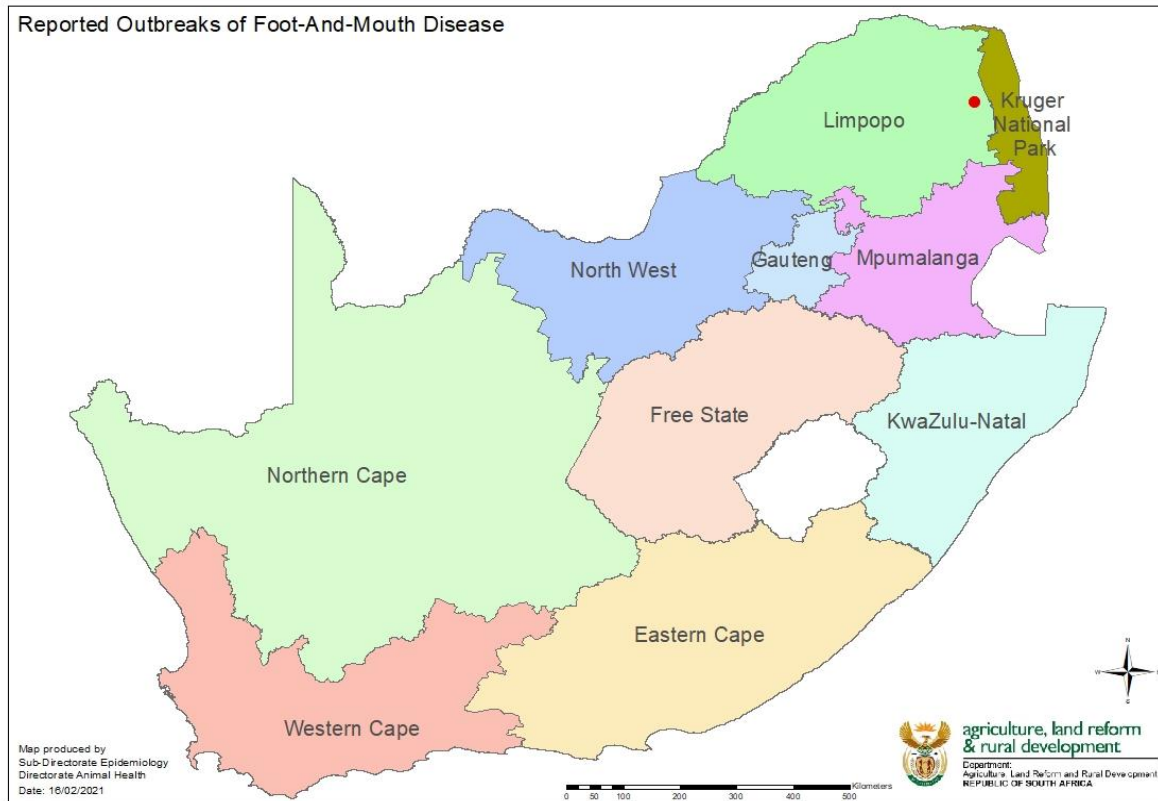
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Other Pasteurellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	1	7	0	0	1	2	0	6	3	1	21

## Information and maps of Specific Diseases

### Foot and mouth disease (FMD)

The following table indicates the number of reported FMD outbreaks per province

Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Limpopo	2

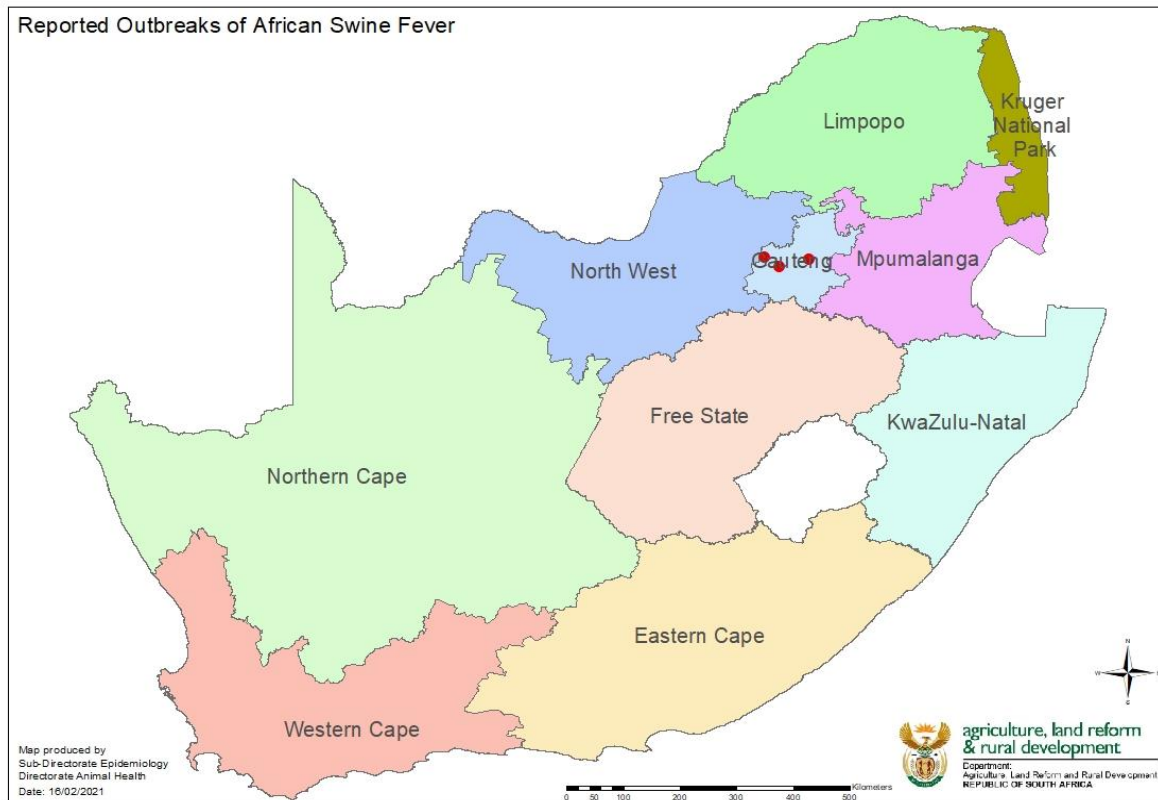


The two SAT 1 outbreaks were in very close proximity of each other and therefore appears as one dot on the map

## African swine fever (ASF)

The following table indicates the number of reported ASF outbreaks per province

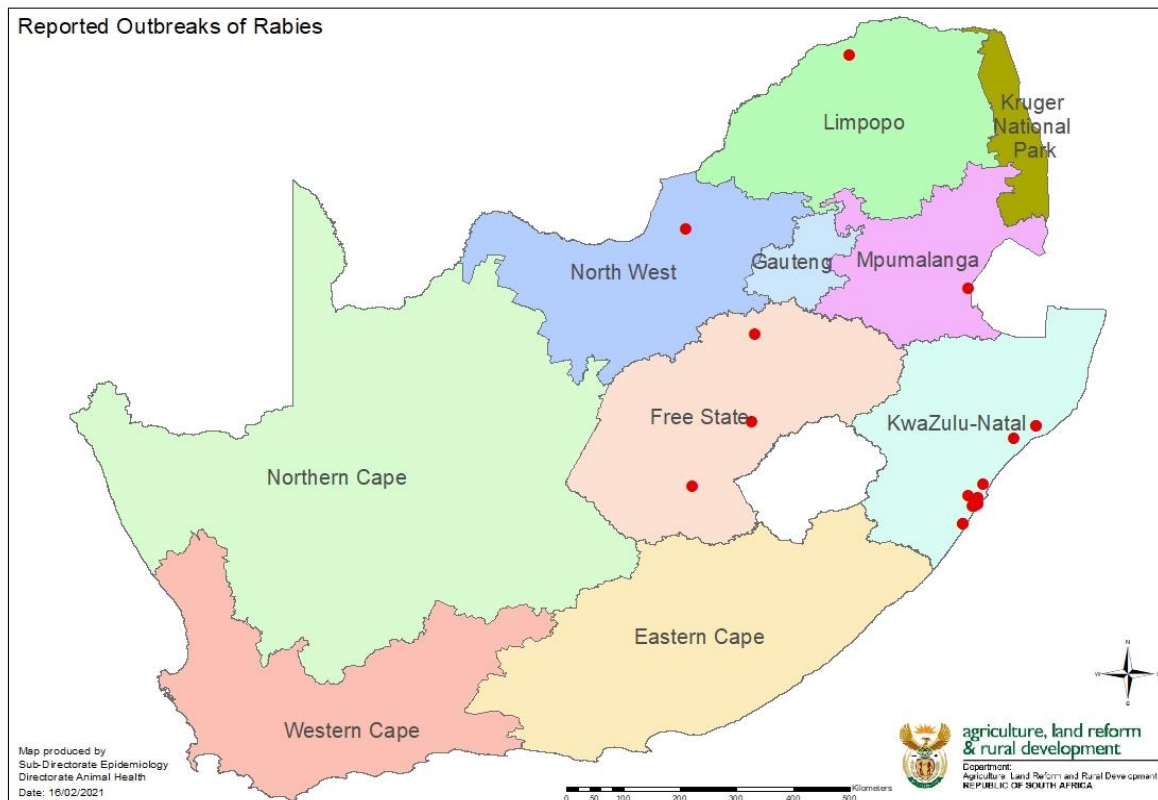
Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Gauteng	3



## Rabies

The following table indicates the number of reported rabies outbreaks per province

Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Free State	3
KwaZulu-Natal	16
Limpopo	1
Mpumalanga	1
North West Province	1

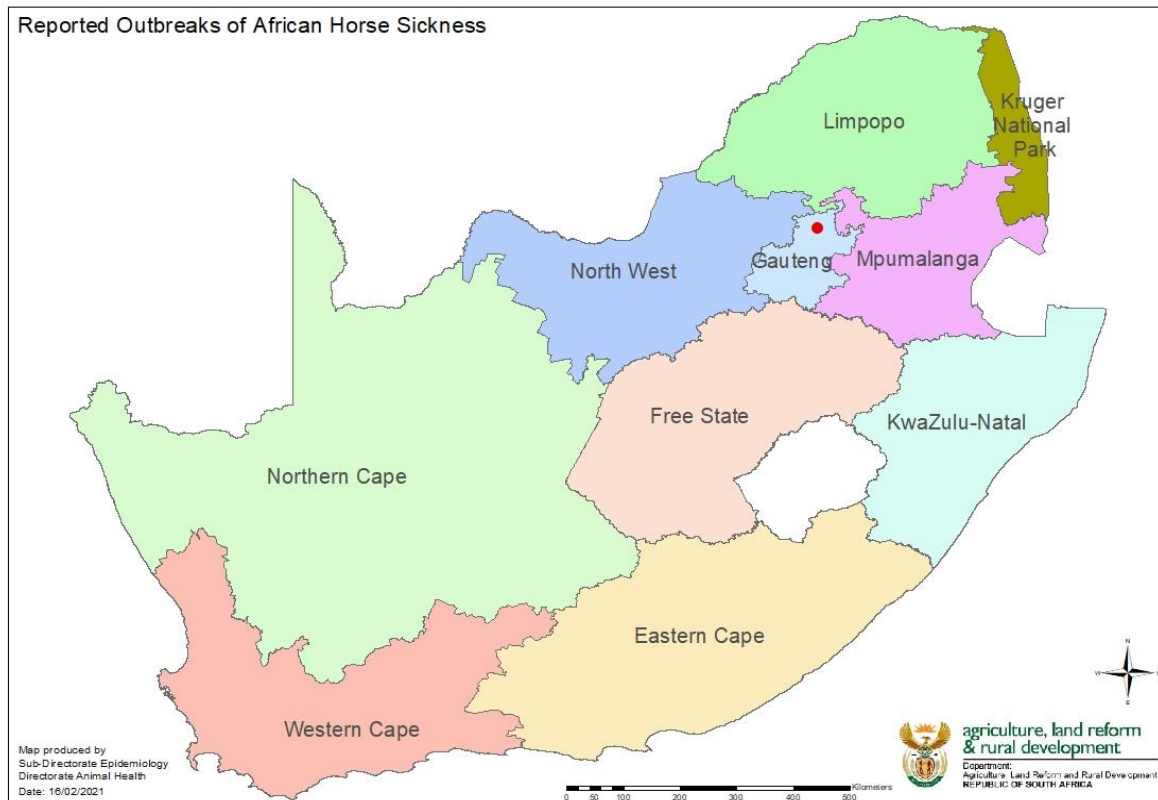




## African Horse Sickness

The following table indicates the number of reported AHS outbreaks per province

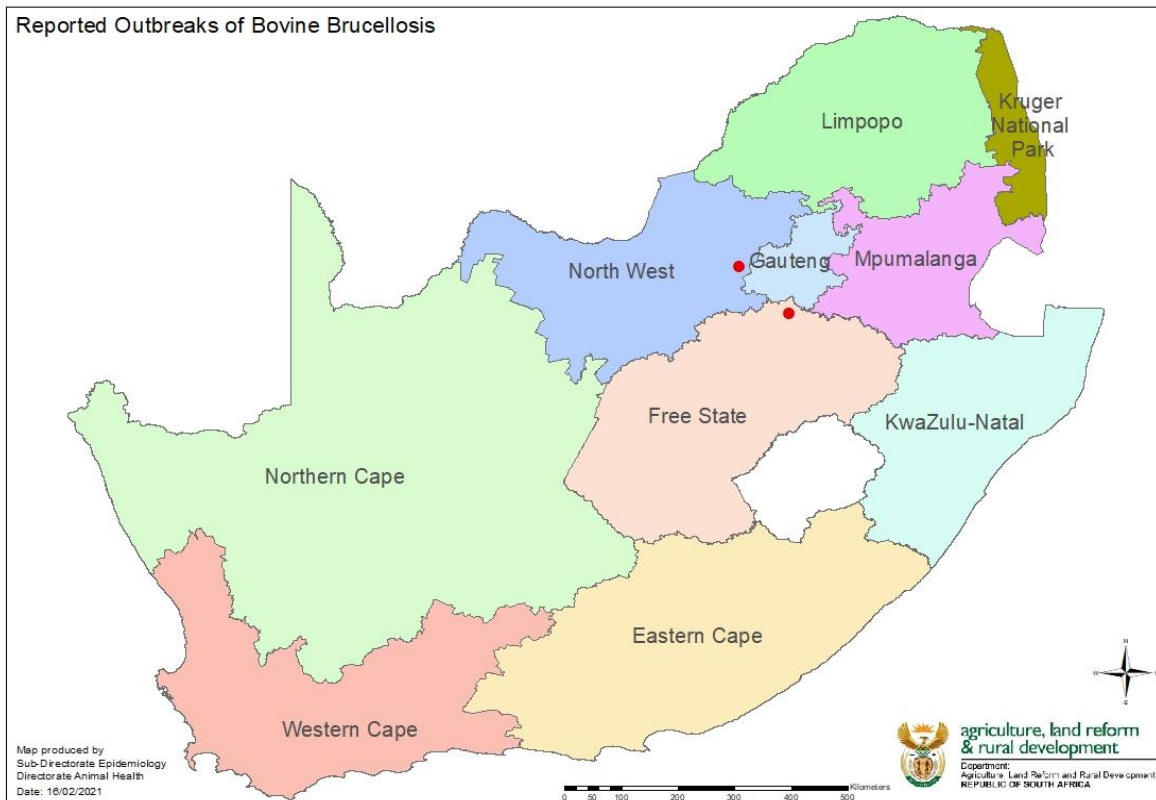
Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Gauteng	1



## Bovine Brucellosis

The following table indicates the number of reported Bovine Brucellosis outbreaks per province

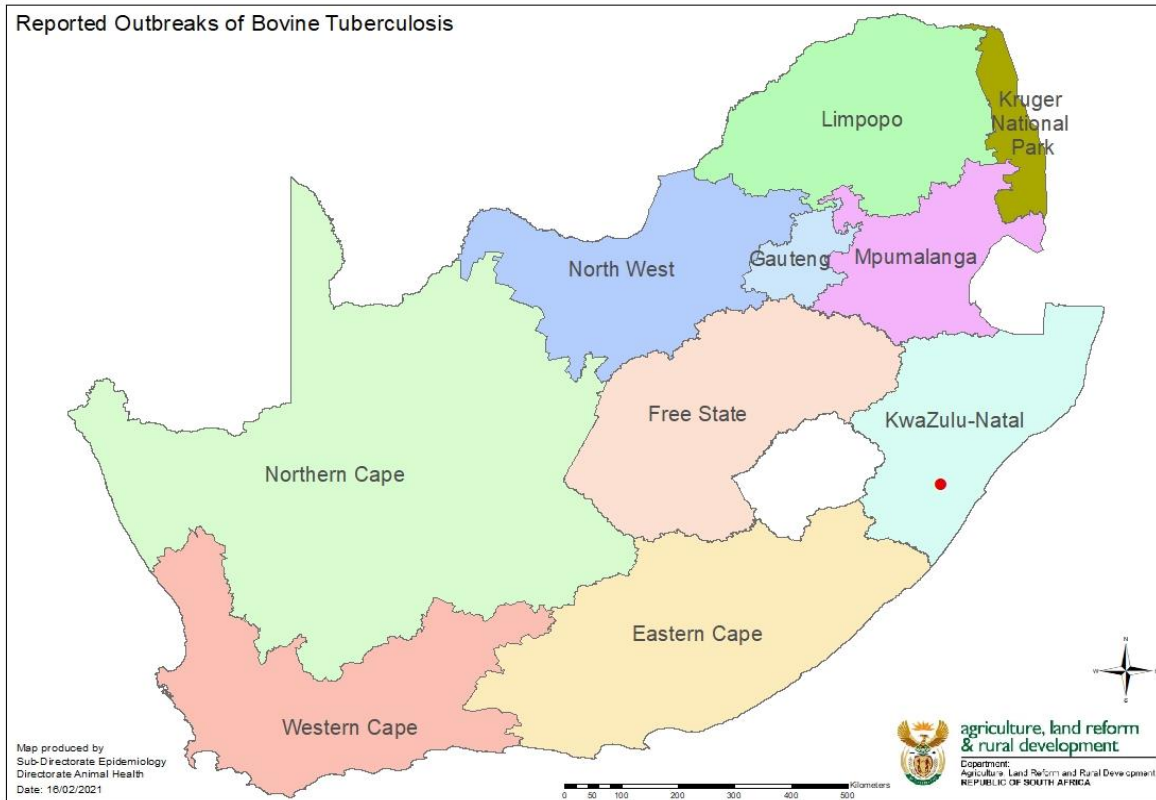
Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Free State	1
North West Province	1



## Bovine Tuberculosis

The following table indicates the number of reported Bovine Tuberculosis outbreaks per province

Province	Number of reported outbreaks
KwaZulu-Natal	1



## Anthrax

The following table indicates the number of reported Anthrax outbreaks per province

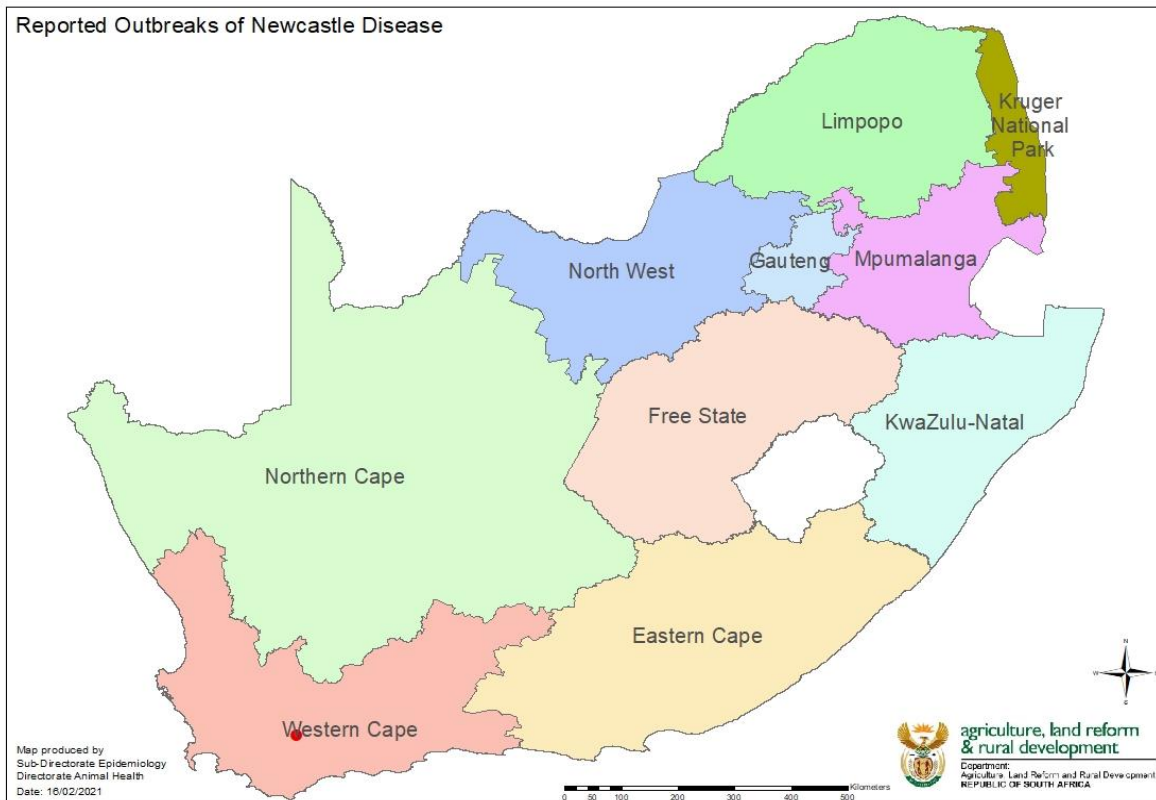
Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Mpumalanga	1



## Newcastle Disease

The following table indicates the number of reported Newcastle outbreaks per province

Province	Number of reported outbreaks
Western Cape Province	1



## Disclaimer

Please take note that this report was automatically compiled using R, R-Studio, several R packages and the South African Animal Health Information System (SAAHIS). Any errors in the data will be copied verbatim into this report.

The data in this report only reflects reports received from the Provincial Veterinary Services and the data was not collected for the purposes of research. Any interpretation of this data should be done with full consideration of the situation on the ground and South Africa's Disease Reporting System.

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