

# MEDIA STATEMENT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

## Foot-and-Mouth Disease Update 1: Garden Route District Municipality Multi-Agency Command Centre

### Joint Statement: Agri Western Cape and GRDM 9 February 2026 16h00

At a Multi-Agency Command Centre engagement held today, several agencies convened to establish a coordinated way forward in response to a suspected foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Hartenbos, within the Mossel Bay municipal area.

According to State Veterinarian, Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg, samples have been collected from cattle displaying symptoms consistent with FMD on a dairy farm in Hartenbos. She further confirmed that several calves have also died on the same farm.

Dr Janse van Rensburg indicated that while the affected farm operates as a "closed herd", there are communal cattle in the surrounding area, several abattoirs, as well as game farms within a 10 km radius of the suspected case.

"The test results of the samples are expected by tomorrow, 10 February."

#### **MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

A provisional quarantine area with a 10km radius was also established around the suspected farm. Several control points have been set up and more control points will be established.

"The only livestock allowed to enter the area are those for slaughter any of the abattoirs."

In addition, she said: "600 doses of vaccines were received today".

Key stakeholders and control points are being determined at the moment (South African Police Services, Provincial Traffic and Local Municipal Law Enforcement Officers).

Stakeholders in the multi agency command centre include the Western Cape Agri, WCG Department of Agriculture: Veterinary Services, Milk Producers' Organisations, Red Meat

Producers' Organisation, South African Police Service, Garden Route District Municipality and Local Municipalities.

The next update will be published by 11 February 2025.

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