

MEDIA STATEMENT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE



FMD Resources



Foot-and-Mouth Disease Update 3: Garden Route District Municipality Multi-Agency Command Centre on 13 February 2026 at 14h00

Joint Statement: Agri Western Cape, Western Cape Government and GRDM

The Western Cape Provincial Government (WCG) Local State Veterinarian, Dr Leana Janse van Rensburg, has **not yet received** the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) test results from samples collected at two suspect sites adjacent to the index farm in Hartenbos.

Free-roaming livestock in Kwanonqaba, Mossel Bay will be vaccinated towards the end of next week.

FMD STATS: GARDEN ROUTE

- Affected municipal area: Mossel Bay
- FMD-affected farms (officially quarantined): 1
- FMD-suspect site(s), pending test results: 2
- FMD-Vaccines administered to date: 594
- Vehicles transporting livestock found non-compliant: 0
- Livestock infected: Cattle

INSPECTIONS AT SITES: ONGOING

Dr Janse van Rensburg and her response team continue to visit farms within a 3 km radius of the index farm. Blood tests are conducted at all farms being inspected. If lesions are found, samples are collected and submitted for laboratory testing.

After samples are collected at a suspect site, inspection teams do not visit any other properties with cloven-hoofed animals for three days. This protocol is followed to minimise the risk of transmitting the virus to other livestock.

FMD RESOURCES

All GRDM FMD resources, including updates, are uploaded here:

<https://www.gardenroute.gov.za/document-category/foot-and-mouth-disease/>

Western Cape Department of Agriculture updates, are uploaded here:

<https://www.elsenburg.com/foot-and-mouth-disease-fmd-outbreak-information/>

The next update will be published by 16 February 2026.

REPORT SUSPECT SITES

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