

UPDATE ON THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE SITUATION AND MASS VACCINATION STRATEGY

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CURRENT SITUATION

Outbreaks reported in all Provinces.

- Northern Cape Province still has reported 4 cases but have been investigating several other new cases that are to be confirmed.
- Similarly, all other provinces have reported outbreaks that they are investigating and are collecting samples from the farms.
- Limpopo reported outbreaks in one of the biggest piggeries in addition to all other outbreaks they have been experiencing.
- The Western Cape experienced an outbreak in a sparsely populated, mountainous area, Rus en Vrede Waterfall near Oudtshoorn,



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CURRENT SITUATION

- Section 10 scheme has been published for public comments on Friday, 1.0 April 2026, for a seven-day comment period.
 - Approximately 310 comments received.
 - New scheme sent for publishing on 30th April 2026.
- To date, 6 million doses of FMD vaccines have been received - 2.5 million doses from Biogenesis Bago, Argentina and 1,5 Million doses from Dollvet (Turkey) and another 2 million last week on 20 April.
- Additional 4 million doses of Dollvet will be arriving.
 - The next consignment will arrive in mid-May.
- Request to order 5 million doses from Biogenesis Bago has already been placed with Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP). The process to import has just begun.



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REPORTED OUTBREAKS OF FMD

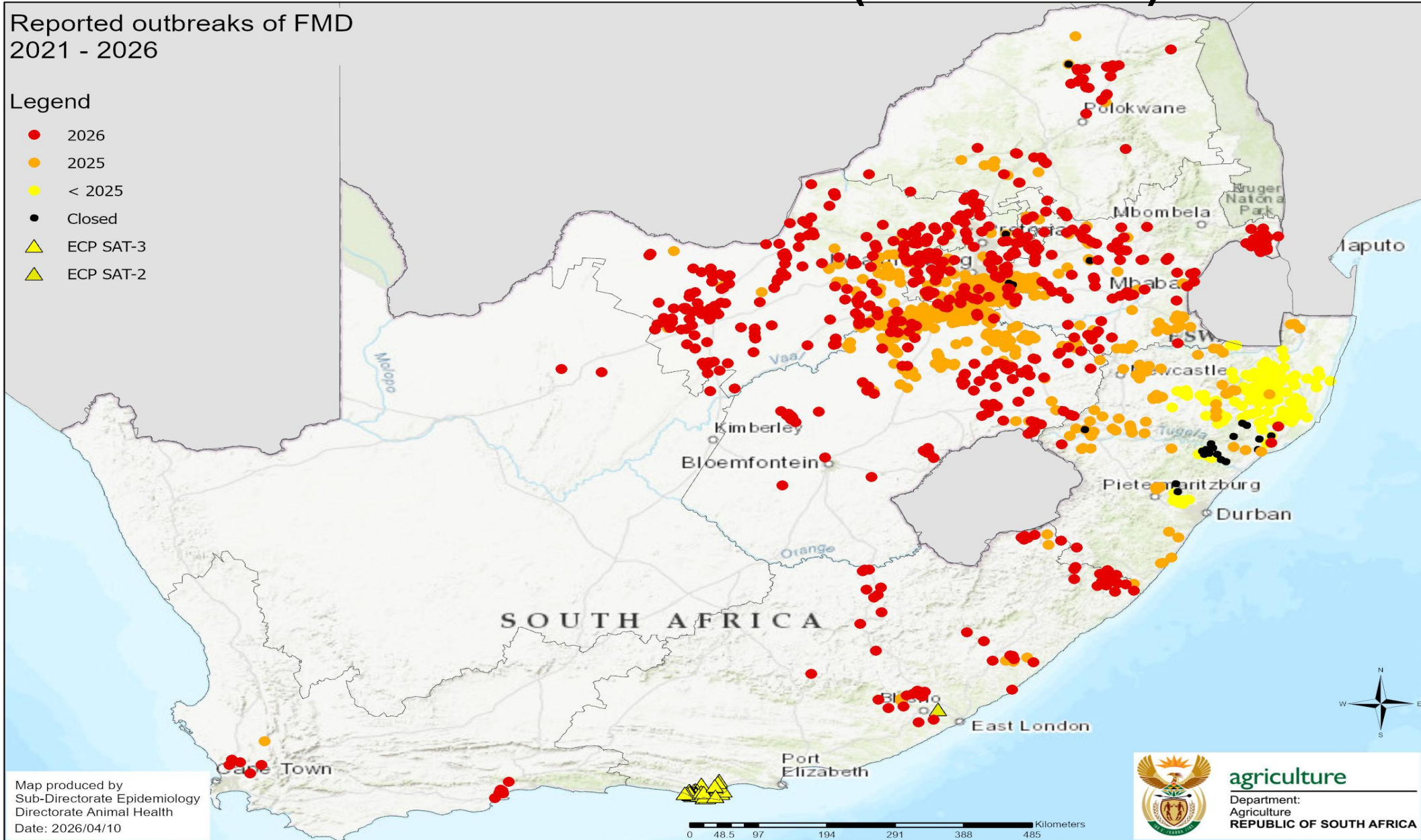
PROVINCE	2 MARCH STATUS	10 MARCH STATUS	13 MARCH STATUS	20 MARCH STATUS	27 MARCH STATUS	10 APRIL STATUS	17 APRIL STATUS	24 APRIL STATUS
Eastern Cape	33	33	35	55	69	71	104	110
Free State	277	307	316	316	321	328	414	462
Gauteng	195	196	215	219	230	241	243	245
KwaZulu-Natal	202	202	222	225	225	225	257	309
Limpopo	23	28	36	42	46	49	55	63
Mpumalanga	79	81	105	108	108	140	144	159
North West	119	123	161	175	209	247	268	279
Northern Cape	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	5
Western Cape	3	6	10	10	13	13	13	20
TOTAL	932	957	1102	1152	1223	1317	1502	1642

MAP OF REPORTED OUTBREAKS (2021 – 2026)

Reported outbreaks of FMD
2021 - 2026

Legend

- 2026
- 2025
- < 2025
- Closed
- ▲ ECP SAT-3
- ▲ ECP SAT-2



Map produced by
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ALLOCATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE INDUSTRY BODIES

- The risk based approach takes into consideration the highly susceptible animal type, their concentrations and their numbers and that is the Free State, Gauteng, the KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape are allocated a higher proportion of the vaccines.
- KwaZulu-Natal had allocated 250 thousand doses to the Milk Producers Organisation (MPO) and now we have allocated another 100 thousand doses.
- Free State vaccinated all the dairies on their records and further requested the MPO to provide any dairy that has not been vaccinated.
- Western Cape have attended to all the major dairies.
- Eastern Cape has basically provided the MPO with over 78000 doses already.
- We received a concern on the allocation from the Feedlot industry in the North West.



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ALLOCATION AND NUMBER OF ANIMALS VACCINATED

Province	ARC vaccine	Biogenesis Bago	Biogenesis 2	DollVet	Dollvet Trivalent (29 April 2026)	Emergency allocation	Total per province	No. of animals vaccinated as at 23 April 26
Eastern Cape	2 600	150 000	116256	152 000	174 350	20 000	440 600	376122
Free State	2 300	200 040	149472	195 000	266 100	25000	566812	446527
Gauteng	1 700	70 020	108420	213 000	124 800		393140	184036
KwaZulu-Natal	0	200 040	357072	560 000	192 000	20 000	1137112	766508
Limpopo	1700	100020	80 000	25 000	180 000	55 000	261720	183770
Mpumalanga	2 000	100 000	74736	95 000	144 000	20 000	291736	233510
North West	1 400	100 020	41520	60 000	332 400	46 000	248940	188073
Northern Cape	600	50 000	15 000	35 000	50 000		100 600	46996
Western Cape	600	49 740	50000	100 000	100 000	30 000	150 340	164474
Total	12 900	1 019 940	992476	1 425 000	1 563 650		3590400	2590016



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ALLOCATION TO INDUSTRIES

Feedlot Industry	150 000
Dairy Industry	100 000
Stud Industry	50 000
Pig Industry	20 000



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SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS USAGE (DAIRY INDUSTRY)

PROVINCE	USAGE
EASTERN CAPE	124303
WESTERN CAPE	98808
KWAZULU- NATAL	360159
FREE STATE	15104
NORTH WEST	6342
MPUMALANGA	9863
LIMPOPO	5475
GAUTENG	14832
NORTHERN CAPE	0
TOTAL	634886



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DIAGNOSTIC CAPACITY EXPANSION

- Two laboratories are in the final stages of being added - Kwazulu-Natal and the Western Cape.



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REGULATIONS

- The final Section 10 Scheme was gazetted on 30 April 2026 following public comments.



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EMPLOYMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS

Animal Health Technicians will be appointed as Interns on a 24-month contract.



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REQUIRED ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS

PROVINCE	NUMBER OF AHT REQUIRED	COST option 2- Interns cost per annum
Eastern Cape	30	3 000 000
Gauteng	34	3 400 000
Free State	60	6 000 000
KwaZulu-Natal	64	6 400 000
Limpopo	85	8 500 000
Mpumalanga	20	2 000 000
Northern Cape	5	500 000
North West	40	4 000 000
Western Cape	20	2 000 000
	358	35 800 000



AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED ON EMPLOYMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS (AHTs)

- The above slide is the estimated number of technicians to be employed.
- Gauteng has a budget for the employment of AHT.
- **ACTION**
- Provinces should come to the meeting with indication of whether you are in a position (a) to pay for the employment of AHT.
(b) indicate the basic tools to be provided by the Province.



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RED MEAT INDUSTRY SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS

- Will employ 20 AHTs on a 1-year contract.
- Salary of 10,000 per month.
- Budget for Car lease.
- Training.
- Cell phone.



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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Portfolio Committee note the contents of the presentation.



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ACRONYMS

AHT	Animal Health Technicians
FMD	Foot and Mouth Disease
MPO	Milk Producers Organisation
OBP	Onderstepoort Biological Products
RMIS	Red Meat Industry Services



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