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FMD VACCINATION DRIVE: STRONG START IN ETHEKWINI METRO

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is encouraged by the strong start to the ongoing livestock vaccination and tagging drive in EThekwini, which started yesterday, 09 June 2026 and is scheduled to run until 16 June 2026. The veterinary-led programme vaccinated 2 122 and tagged 1 954 across 10 diptanks in areas in and around Inanda such as Mzinyathi, Amatikwe and Amatata.

The MEC for the Department Mrs Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa has commended the veterinary-led teams on the ground for their dedication in getting the drive off to a good start. Teams have worked tirelessly to reach farmers and ensure animals are protected, despite cold weather conditions experienced in some areas.

“This is exactly the kind of commitment we need to protect our livestock sector and safeguard the livelihoods of our farmers. I thank each veterinarian, animal health technician, and support staff member who braved the cold weather to serve our communities,” the Minister said.

The vaccination and tagging programme forms part of the Department’s broader animal disease prevention and traceability strategy. Farmers are urged to continue cooperating with teams and to bring their livestock to the designated diptanks before the drive concludes on 16 June 2026.

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