



## **FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE VACCINATIONS UPDATE**

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Vaccinations against Foot-and-Mouth Disease are still underway in uMzimkhulu within the Harry Gwala District. It's the second district to have received vaccines after uGu, on the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal. According to the last census, the province boasts 2.5 million cattle, second only to the Eastern Cape.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, led by MEC Mrs. Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, has deployed a sound strategy to successfully vaccinate all commercial and communal cattle twice across the province within the next 12 months using five million vaccine doses, having now used both BioGenesis Bago and Dollvet doses.

As per the schedule, vaccines have been arriving in batches, with the first shipment of 200 000 doses of BioGenesis Bago from Argentina in February and 560 000 doses of Dollvet vaccines from Turkey having arrived early this month, all stored at Allerton Provincial Veterinary Laboratory at Cascades in Pietermaritzburg.

Weather permitting, the veterinary-led vaccination efforts in uMzimkhulu are expected to conclude with mop-up operations early next week, prior to announcing their next district destination. Yesterday, the teams administered 15 037 doses, bringing the district's total to nearly 120 000.

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