



FMD UPDATE IN UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT

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The non-holiday-taking veterinary services worked throughout the Easter weekend, recovering farmers' livelihoods through the administration of vaccines to cattle affected by the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease around Jozini in the uMkhanyakude District. The teams administered 12 216 doses across 19 dip tanks yesterday. This brings the total to 78 thousand doses used in both UMhlabuyalingana and Jozini since the start of the district's vaccination drive on March 30.

The MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal, Mrs. Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa, has announced a schedule for vaccination sites at designated diptanks across the remaining areas of the uMkhanyakude District, which will still continue the use of vaccines manufactured by Dollvet until April 16, 2026. These Turkiye-manufactured vaccines targets SAT 1, SAT 2 and SAT 3 strains prevalent in northern KwaZulu-Natal.

The teams focus on 180 communal diptanks in the district including 24 private farms belonging to commercial farmers in the Big 5 Hlabisa and Inkosi Mtubatuba.

The vaccination teams will start early tomorrow morning, continuing their work in areas under Jozini including Nhlohlala, Mkhuze wamanzi, and Madlaka.

For more information on this please contact Vusi Khumalo, MLO and the MEC's Spokesperson at 082 350 4674.

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