



## AGRICULTURE MEC PLEASSED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF DOLLVET FMD VACCINES

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*KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development*

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The MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal made this announcement on one of the regional radio stations on Wednesday night, saying that the department has received 560 000 vaccines.

She also said that following the completion of the ongoing inoculation of BioGenesis Bago vaccines in the Harry Gwala District, Dollvet-manufactured vaccines will be administered.

The majority of it is intended for other districts where FMD SAT 1 and SAT 2 and 3 are prevalent. In the uGu District,

BioGenesis Bago was used in all four local municipalities, where 54,846 doses were administered, including 5 000 commercial heads.



Following the arrival of the Dollivet vaccines, kaMadlopha-Mthethwa announced on radio that the department has allocated 160 thousand vaccines to commercial farmers supplementing the 90,000 doses from the province's first batch of 200 thousand.

Regarding FMD vaccinations in the Harry Gwala District, 24 202 doses have been administered in two local municipalities, Johannes Phumani Phungula and Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

"The department is committed to assisting farmers in getting their cattle vaccinated and we are encouraging commercial farmers to register for vaccinations. Further information about our next move, more particularly about vaccinations in other districts yet to receive their vaccines, will be announced in due course," said kaMadlopha-Mthethwa.

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KaMadlopha Mthethwa said In the UGu District Municipality, BioGenesis Bago vaccines have already been administered across all four local municipalities.

A total of 54 846 doses were delivered, including 5 000 for cattle belonging to commercial farmers.

Vaccine distribution will follow the structure of the provincial cattle population, which includes both communal and commercial livestock sectors, 55 percent and 45 percent, respectively, both sectors amassing about 2.5 million cattle population.

"The immediate priority will be completing vaccination of the cattle population within Harry Gwala District, which includes both the commercial farmers represented by Milk Producers Organisation and communal livestock farmers in the district," said KaMadlopha