



## OVER 13 000 CATTLE RECEIVE FMD VACCINE IN IMPENDLE, KZN

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***MEC for KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Mrs Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa***

More than 13 000 Foot-and-Mouth (FMD) vaccine doses have already been administered to cattle in the Novuka area in the Impendle Municipality since the start of the FMD vaccination campaign in uMgungundlovu District.

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The programme has been targeting both commercial and communal herds across high-risk districts.

The campaign which started on Monday in Impendle continued on Tuesday and will see 214 diptanks serving an estimated 108 000 head of cattle in uMgungundlovu District vaccinated.



On Tuesday, KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Rural Development MEC Thembeni kaMadlopha-Mthethwa visited the Novuka dip tank to oversee the vaccination drive and engage directly with livestock farmers.

The MEC's visit is aimed at strengthening participation in the programme while supporting veterinary teams on the ground as the rollout expands.

KaMadlopha-Mthethwa used the engagement to hear concerns from farmers, with issues raised including rising feed costs and limited market access for beef producers which continue to place pressure on the livestock sector amid the outbreak.

She urged farmers to bring their cloven-hoofed animals forward for vaccination, saying the success of the campaign depends on full cooperation between government and livestock owners.

The uMgungundlovu rollout marks the fifth district to commence vaccinations, following earlier phases in uGu, Harry Gwala, uMkhanyakude and Zululand, where the initial 1 million doses were administered.