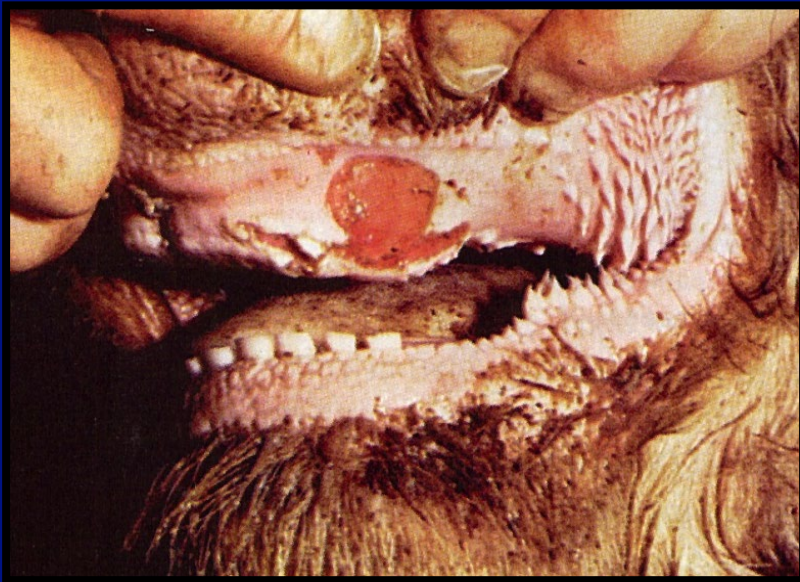




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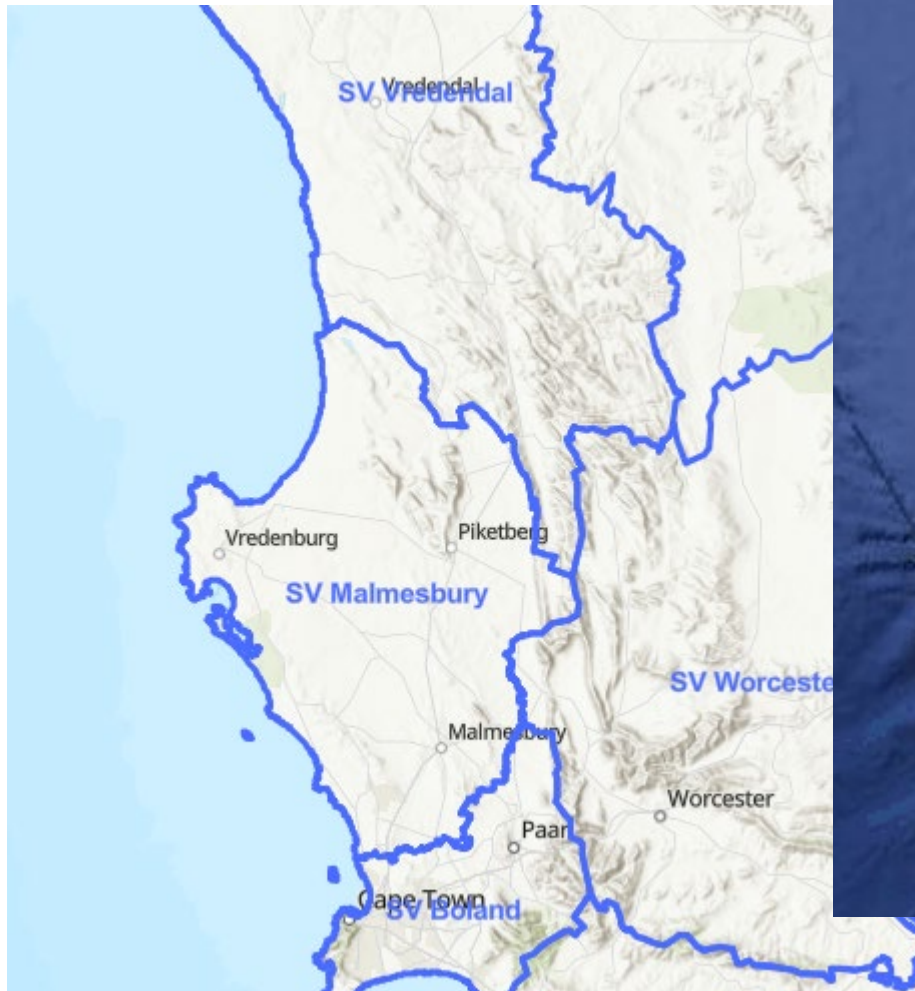
WC FMD update

Bulk en Blêr

24 June 2026

SV Malmesbury

1 state vet, 1 admin, 1 CAHT (vacant) 4 AHTs (Malmesbury, Moorreesburg, Piketberg (vacant), CoCt (vacant))



Introduction

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus of the family Picornaviridae, genus *Aphthovirus*.

The virus causes blisters and sores in the mouth (gums, lips & tongue) resulting in difficulty eating and excessive drooling is often seen.

Blisters and sores also occur between the toes causing animals to limp and not want to walk around.

Especially in dairy cows sores can develop on teats causing a drop in milk production and can lead to mastitis.

Virus excreted by saliva, urine, faeces and milk and can thus be spread by:
direct contact (between animals) or
indirect contact (fomites) by means of contaminated items such as vehicle tyres, shoes, clothes, hands etc.

Mainly affects cattle, sheep, goats and pigs

World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) listed disease with major trade implications.

Incubation period – 14 days



Introduction

In South Africa only the Southern African Territories serotypes occur (SAT 1, 2 & 3).

In other parts of the world you also have Serotypes A, O, C & Asia1.

FMD is a state controlled disease in South Africa in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984)

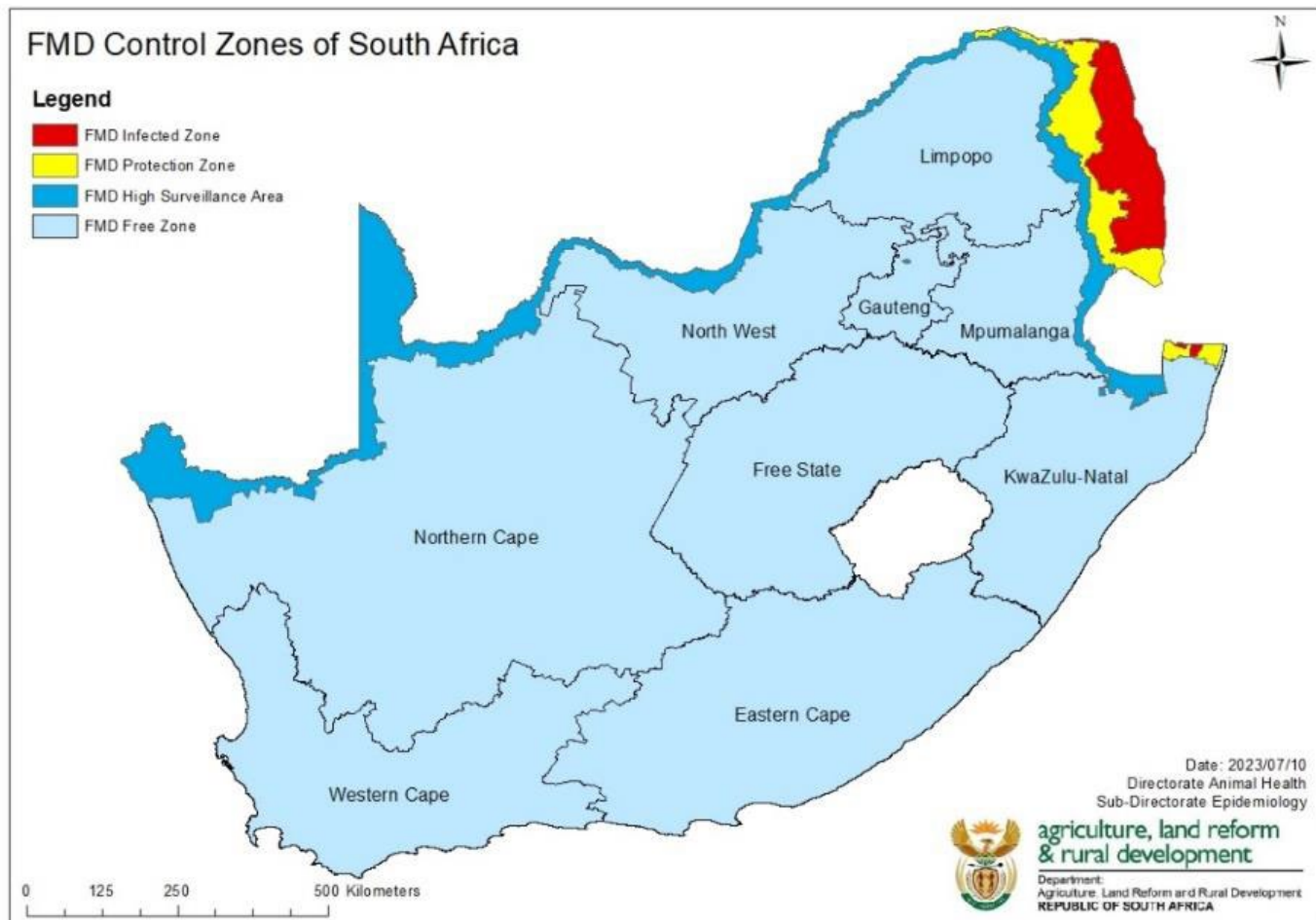
Animal disease	Nature, causal organism and symptoms	Susceptible animals	Controlled veterinary act to be performed in respect of-		
			Susceptible animals	Contact animals	Infected animals
Foot and mouth disease	Highly contagious viral disease characterised by the formation of vesicles on the mucous membranes of the buccal cavity and tongue and on the coronary bands	All cloven hooved animals	1. Susceptible cattle, sheep and goats in a controlled area shall be vaccinated by an officer or an authorised person at intervals determined by the director. 2. Contact between cattle and African buffaloes shall be prevented.	Contact animals shall be isolated and dealt with as determined by the director	Infected animals shall be isolated and immunized or disposed of as determined by the director

Purpose of mark	Mark	Place on body where mark has to be made
To identify an animal with regard to which a foot and mouth disease control measure apply	F	Right side of neck.

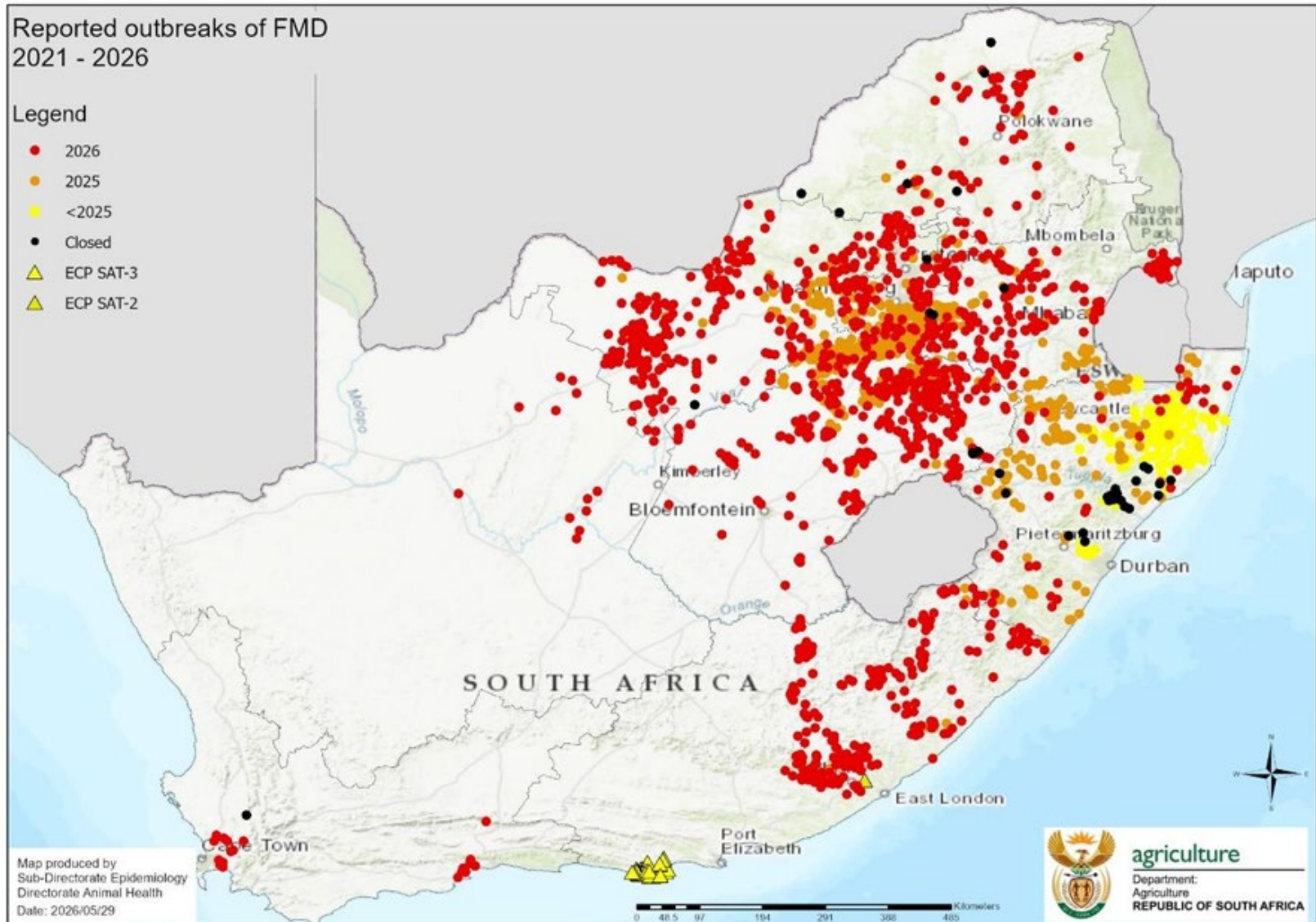
History

Prior to January 2019 South Africa had a FMD free zone without vaccination as recognized by the WOA.

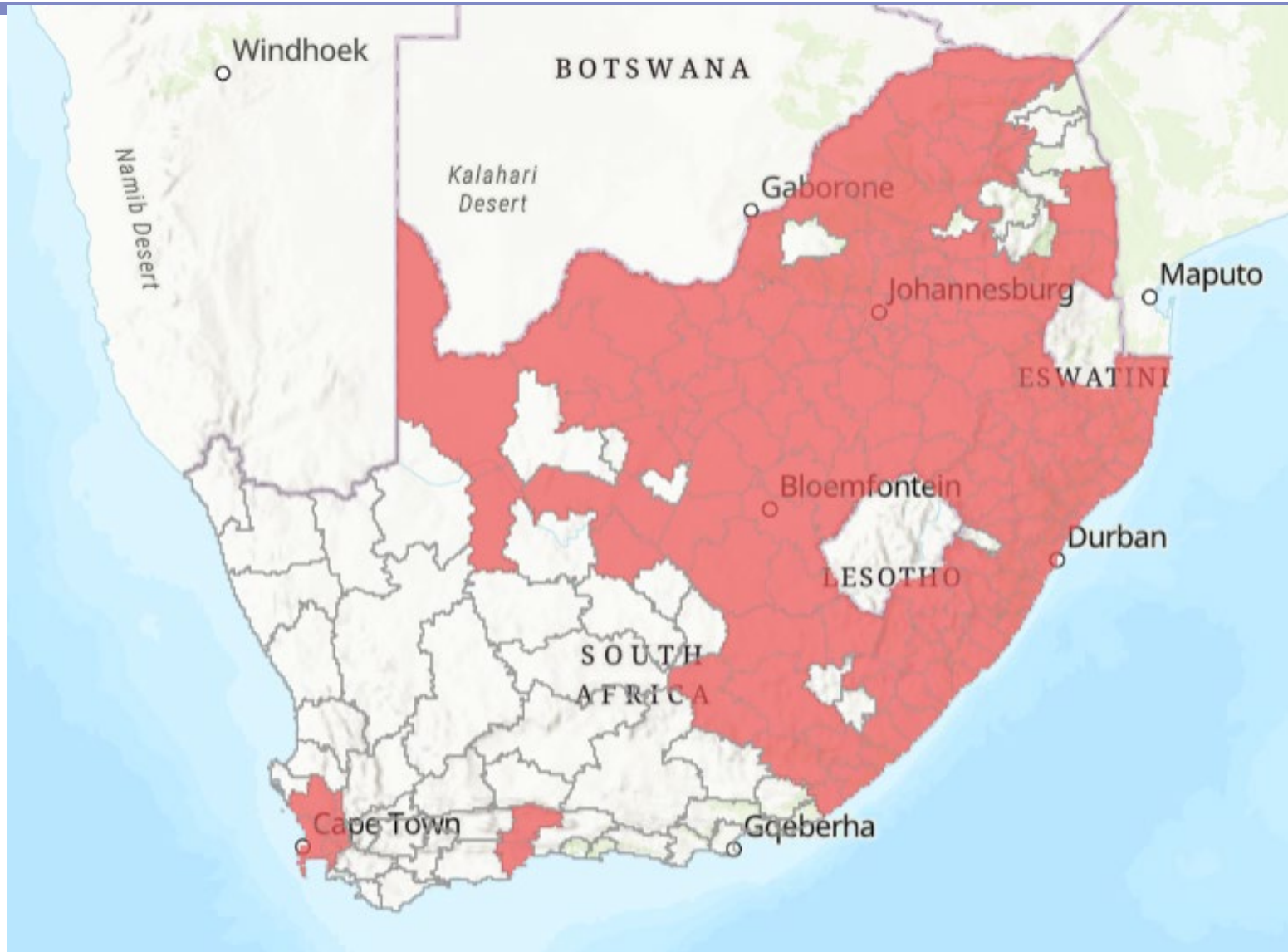
The FMD infected zone was limited to areas with FMD carrier Buffalo.



Situation at the end of May 2026



Current affected municipalities



Provinces with outbreaks reported – May 2026 report

Province	Open outbreaks	Closed outbreaks	Total
Eastern Cape	256	0	256
Free State	581	4	585
Gauteng	272	3	275
KwaZulu Natal	316	20	316
Limpopo	76	3	79
Mpumalanga	242	1	243
North West	350	1	351
Northern Cape	15	0	15
Western Cape	22	0	22
Total	2130	32	2162

Table 1: Summary of outbreaks of unresolved events per Province

Western Cape FMD current Situation

SV Worcester

Drakenstein Municipality

Resolved case in Gouda

SV Malmesbury

Swartland & CoCT

4 confirmed cases

All dairy farms

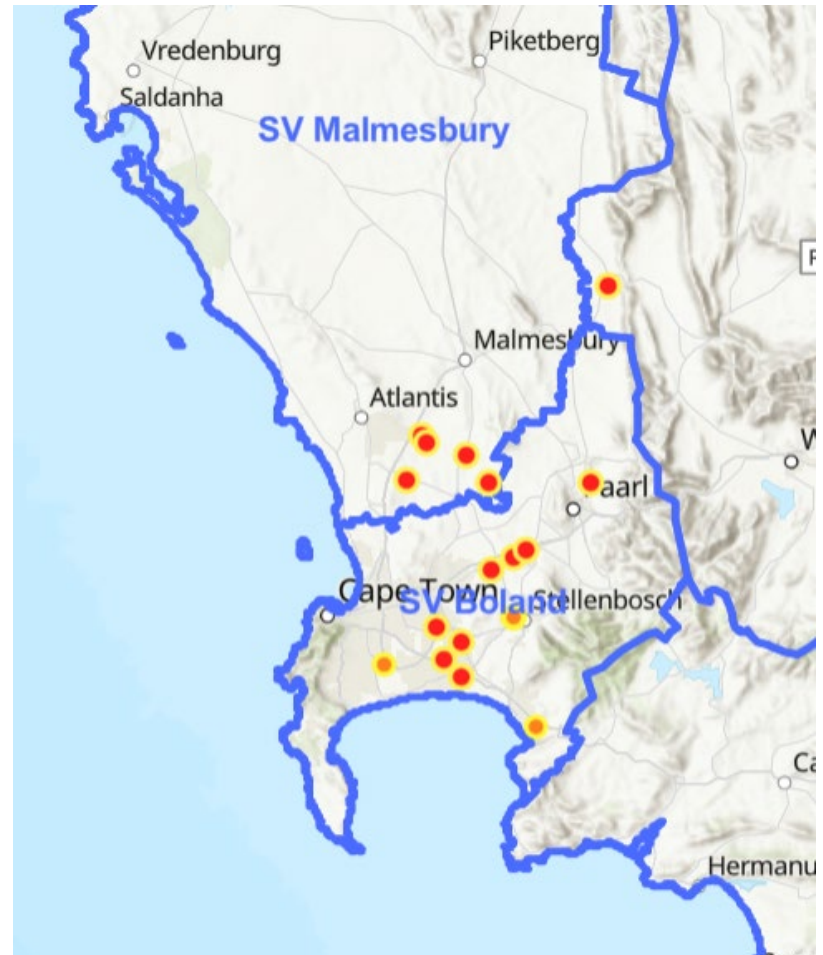
SV Boland

Drakenstein, Stellenbosch &
CoCT

8 confirmed cases

7 communal/small farmers

1 beef



Western Cape FMD current Situation

SV George

Mossel Bay Municipality

8 confirmed cases

3 dairy

5 beef

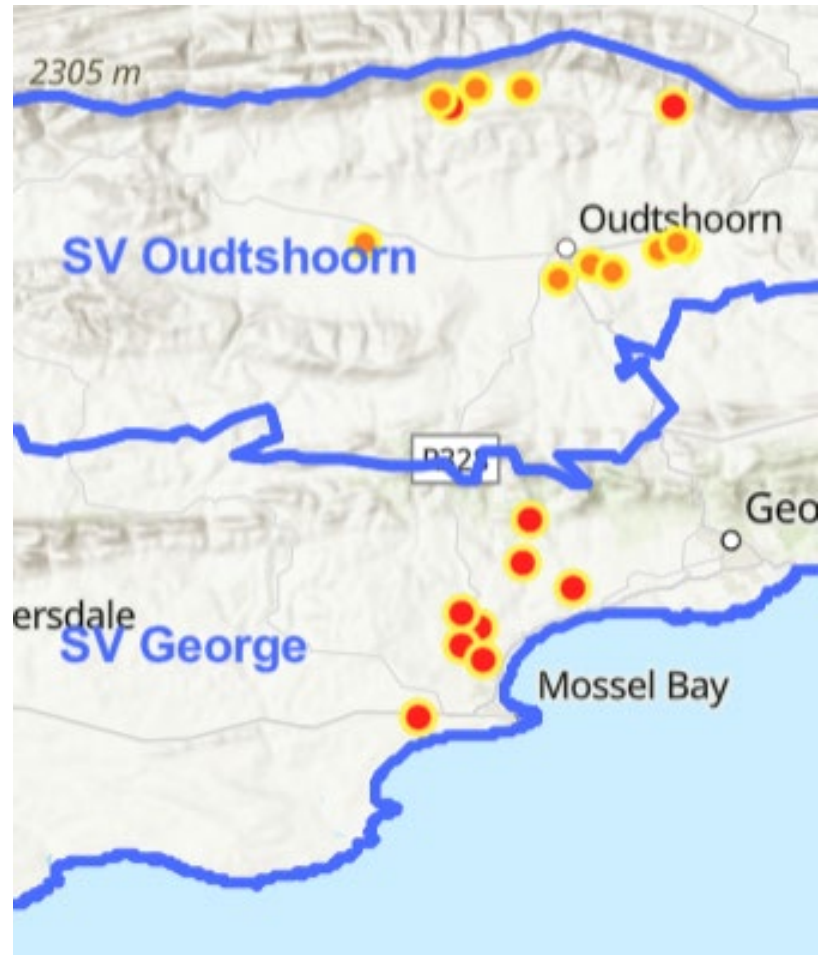
SV Oudtshoorn

Oudtshoorn Municipality

2 confirmed cases

1 beef

1 dairy



FMD control measures

1. Movement control

- Positive farms
- Areas around positive cases
- Throughout country – required declarations and 28 day isolation
- Possible developments?

2. Biosecurity

- Biosecurity measures on farm
- Access restriction (animals/people/vehicles/equipment)
- Cleaning and disinfection

3. Vaccination

- Reasoning – lower shedding of virus and thus virus spread
- Protect against clinical disease



WC Animal movement app

DOA Livestock Movement



<https://www.elsenburg.com/animalmovement/>

All movements of animals susceptible to Foot and Mouth Disease into, within or out of the Western Cape must be reported to the local State Veterinarian using this webform. This is to ensure compliance with Government Gazette notice 47263, issued in October 2022. Upon receiving the notification, the State Veterinarian will evaluate the associated risk and may inspect the animals after their arrival.

Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013

Permission to use information provided*

In accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013), I hereby permit DOA to use the information provided in this survey beyond the planning and reporting of the FMD outbreak.

☒ Yes

☐ No

WCDOA Veterinary Services FMD Livestock Movement

Movement(s)

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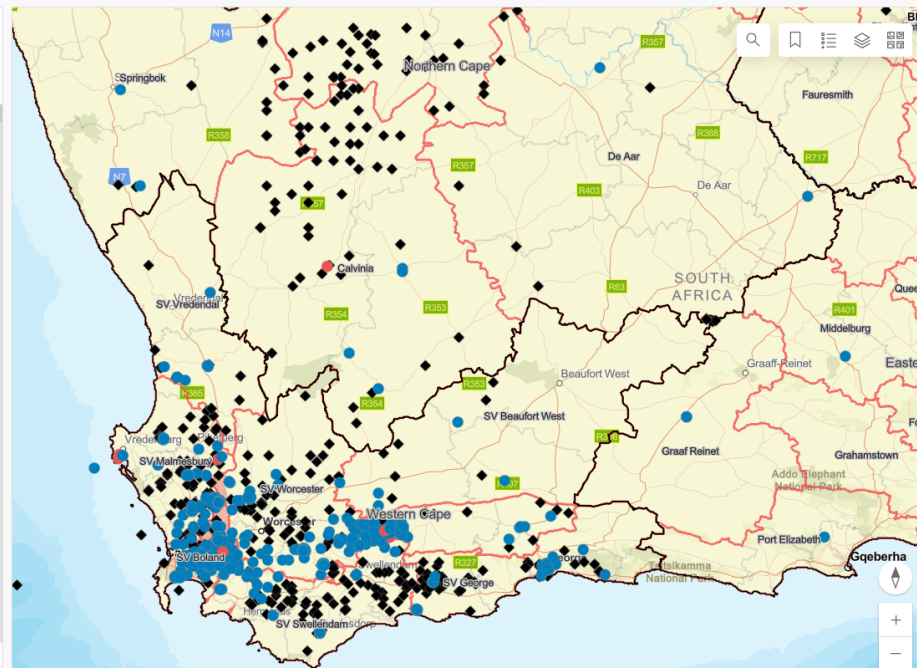
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- 03/12/2025 - SV Beaufort West Coffee-4243438
- 03/12/2025 - SV Malmesbury DURR-4252319
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All

FMD

DMA



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Total Movements

647

Past Movements

633

Movements Today

11

Future Movements

3

Movement from FMD Area

39

FMD Vaccination Roll-out

Receive allocation from National VS

This is allocated then to the different SV areas based on the situation at that point in time and perceived risks.

Broadly:

1. Outbreak areas

- Positive farms and 10km quarantine areas

2. Dairy farms

- Worst affected by outbreaks

3. Communal/Free roaming/Small Farmers

- Contact risk/movement control challenges

4. Other cattle farms

- Cattle seem to play biggest role in epidemiology



Application for vaccination

WC VS working on the application system

- **Farmer applies for vaccination**
 - For specific farm
 - Number of cattle indicated
 - Specify private vet (pay km & time)
- **Goes to SV office where the farm located**
 - Recommended and sent to D:AH WC
 - Allocated as per risk profile



	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPLICATION FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VACCINATION
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PART A: APPLICATION FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VACCINATION

(to be completed and signed by the owner of the animals and the owner of the land)

FARMER INFORMATION

- Full Name and Surname: _____
- ID Number: _____
- Contact Number: _____

FARM INFORMATION

- Farm Name: _____
- Official Farm Name (Surveyor General): _____
- Local Municipality: _____
- District Municipality: _____
- Province: _____
- GPS Coordinates _____

HERD INFORMATION

- Total Number of Cloven Hoofed Livestock: _____
- Number of animals to be vaccinated: _____

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, owner /manager of the land and owner of the animals, declare as follows:

1. I hereby request that my herd be vaccinated with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine to safeguard my livestock against the adverse effects of natural/wild infection.
2. I declare and confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, no animals on the above-mentioned farm are known to be infected or suspected of being infected with FMD, and the land is not under any veterinary restriction due to FMD.
3. I have ensured that all cloven hoofed animals to be vaccinated are individually identified prior to vaccination.
4. I understand that all vaccinated animals will be subject to lifelong traceability and that a record of their vaccination will be kept in the livestock identification and traceability system.

Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccination

Foot-and-Mouth Disease in the Western Cape

Vaccination numbers are updated regularly on the live dashboard and may vary as vaccinations are conducted and captured throughout the day

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Cases

1,546

Vaccination Sites

333,746

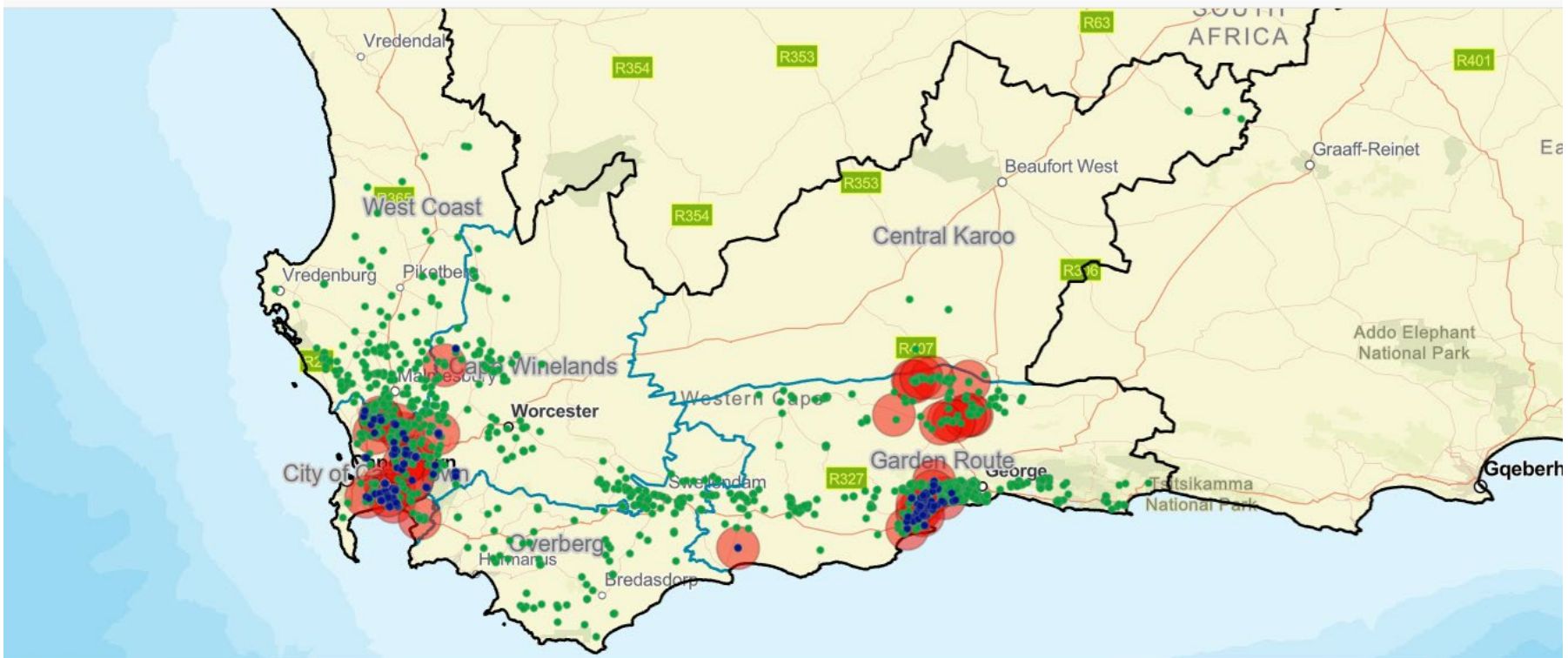
Total Vaccinations

312,679

Primary Vaccinations

21,067

Booster Vaccinations



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Thank you



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