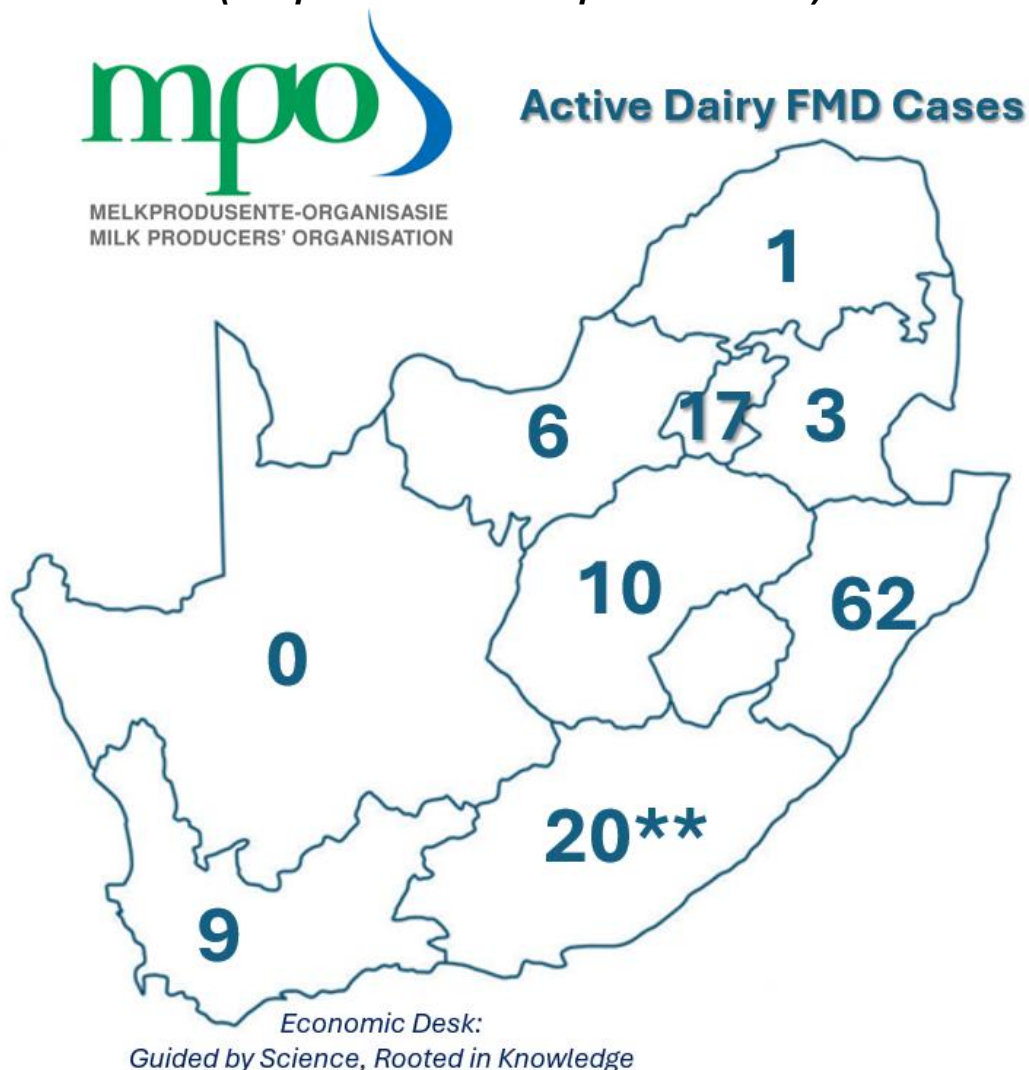


WEEK 48 – UPDATE ON THE STATE OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND VACCINE ROLLOUTS IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

A total of 175 dairy farms have reported FMD cases, of which 128 remain active, highlighting the ongoing and significant impact of FMD on the dairy sector.

(Snapshot as of 18 September 2026)



Active case: currently showing clinical signs of the disease, not yet resolved

It is important to note that the Eastern Cape has **twelve positive FMD cases. Eight farms located on the border of KwaZulu-Natal have been placed under Eastern Cape surveillance for management purposes.

This map reflects the **reported dairy-related FMD cases to date**. If you are aware of any additional cases, please contact your regional manager immediately to enable the MPO to **identify priority vaccination areas, assess risk levels, and coordinate vaccine implementation with the government**.

Overview of dairy cattle vaccinated as of 18 September 2026

PROVINCE	TOTAL DAIRY COWS VACCINATED	
	1 st Vaccination	2 nd Vaccination
KwaZulu-Natal	360 200	334 000
Eastern Cape	308 092	210 792
Free State	15 104	*19 118
Limpopo	5 475	-
Gauteng	14 832	13 720
Mpumalanga	9 863	-
North West	6 342	-
Western Cape	240 387	60 706
Northern Cape	0	-
Total	960 295	638 336

***Note:** Because State veterinarians are currently referring an increasing number of dairy farmers - including non-MPO members and institutions such as universities - to the MPO for assistance with vaccine procurement and administration, the number of dairy animal vaccinations facilitated by the MPO during the second vaccination round might be higher than in the first round.

PROVINCIAL UPDATE ON FMD
Eastern Cape:

- No new dairy FMD cases were reported during the past week.
- Thus far, 210 792 dairy animals have received their booster vaccinations (administered by the MPO and the State).

Western Cape:

- A total of 60 706 booster vaccines have thus far been administered to dairy animals in the Western Cape.
- No new dairy FMD cases have been reported over the past week.

KwaZulu-Natal:

- All dairy animals in the province have received their booster vaccinations. However, not all beef animals on dairy farms have received their booster vaccines yet.
 - 42 000 more vaccines were ordered and delivered over the weekend to five veterinary practices across KwaZulu-Natal.
 - No new dairy FMD cases or reinfections have been reported during last week.
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North:

(Gauteng, Free State, Limpopo, North West, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape)

- A total of 32 838 dairy animals in the northern provinces have received their booster vaccinations.
 - No new dairy FMD cases have been reported.
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