

JOC UPDATE

GAUTENG VETERINARY SERVICES

DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2025



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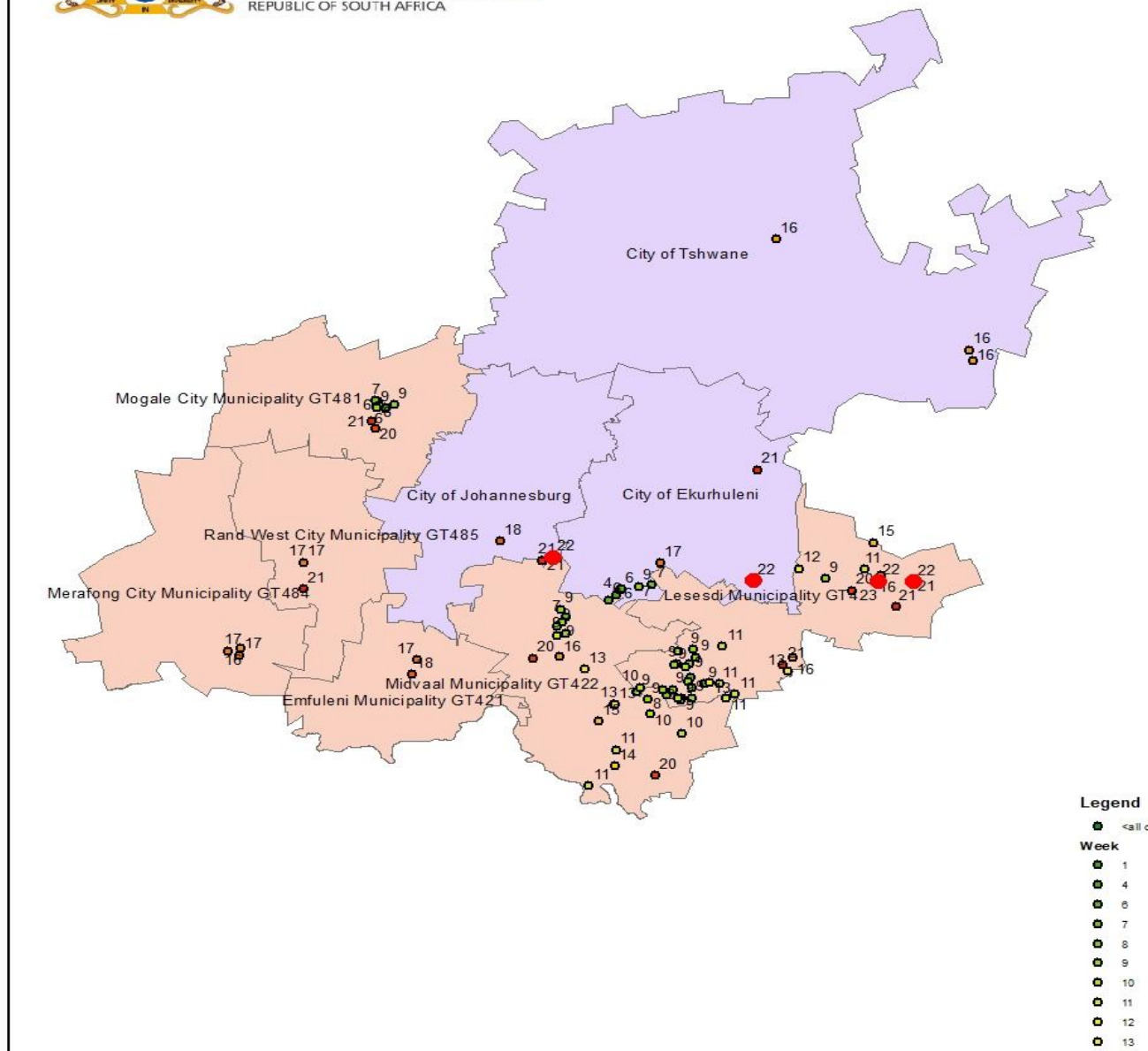
Gauteng Overview

- Total number outbreaks reported 93
- 4 New outbreaks reported in the week of 13-19 Sept 2025
- Total of 147 557 animals vaccinated and campaign still ongoing
- First vaccinations: 117 597
- Booster vaccinations: 29960
- Total number of cattle slaughtered under controlled slaughter at Balfour abattoir in Mpumalanga: 55 513
- Abattoirs in Gauteng designated for FMD slaughter-Vereeniging abattoir & Morgan Beef abattoir



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Local Municipality

Metropolitan Municipality

West Rand Outbreak

- **In Total 16 confirmed positive properties of which 6 are in Communal kraals**
- Three outbreaks reported in Sept 2025
- One in Communal herd.
- New outbreak under investigation at a dairy. Busy vaccinating today and will finish tomorrow.

City Of Ekurhuleni Outbreak

- 6 Communal kraals & 5 Commercial properties
- One New outbreak reported in the past week
- RIMS busy establishing how the communal farmers can be assisted

Midvaal

- 18 infected properties
- 2 New outbreaks reported in September bordering infected farms

Karan Beef – Lesedi

- Controlled Slaughter from Karan Heidelberg started on Monday 21 July 2025
- Total slaughtered up to 27 Aug – 28450 vaccinated cattle finished on 28 Aug
- & 17084 non vaccinated cattle up to 24 Sept
- Emergency slaughters:199
- Nigel cattle slaughtered up to 5 September- 9770 cattle

Lesedi – surrounding Karan Beef Heidelberg

- 39 properties, Incl. 5 communal kraals
- 2 New outbreaks reported in the past week (1 communal + 1 commercial)

Emfuleni

- Evaton & Sebokeng-(Boitumelo & Polokong kraals)
- Vaccinations and F branding done
- LITS tags will be applied with second vaccination
- Challenge: No handling facilities
- No further outbreaks around these communal herds reported.

City of Johannesburg

- 4 Outbreaks reported
- Eikenhof-Communal kraals and last week 3 commercial properties
- First Vaccinations done

City of Tshwane

- 1531 cattle vaccinated on 3 farms
- Surveillance ongoing
- No spread detected to date
- Booster vaccinations were done.
- Farmer next to Cavalier is selling the cattle to the Palaborwa feedlot and movement to be taking place as soon as all the paperwork is done.
- Cleaning and disinfection will then start

Control measures

- Precautionary Quarantines are served on suspicion of outbreak
- Samples taken to confirm diagnosis
- Farmer is given the option to vaccinate before the results are out and then sign an application to vaccinate
- Quarantine is served on receipt of positive results.
- **Started this week actively to offer preventative vaccinations to farmers around four active outbreaks**
- **Already vaccinated 3 herds (1271 cattle)**

Epidemiological investigation

- SV's do a complete epidemiological investigation on each outbreak site to establish origin of infection
- Establish movements on and off property in past 14-28 days (Forward & backward tracing)
- Movements include animal and human movements

Vaccination campaign

- Attempts are made to vaccinate as soon as possible after new infection is found and not to wait for lab confirmation.
- F brand
- LITS tags inserted and captured on database (CSIR)
- Booster after 4 weeks all animals not intended for slaughter
- One Admin official and one AHT per service centre went for refresher training on LITS on the 23rd Sept.
- **Already started with preventative vaccinations around all new outbreak farms detected and buffer along the Mpumalanga border where there are now many outbreaks reported, with our current vaccine on hand.**
- **Four burning spots in Gauteng(indicated on map with red dots)**

Surveillance

- Precautionary quarantines served to all direct neighbors with animals, census done and letter issued explaining movement control in the different zones(3/5 & 10km)
- Sero-surveillance and visual inspections done on all farms neighboring outbreak in a certain radius depending on the landscape, farming practices in the area.
- First zone inspected weekly
- Second zone inspected every two weeks
- This has not been possible as all officials are in vaccination teams
- Only now starting to do surveillance as outbreaks are less

Awareness

- JOC was formed and have support of local SAPS, Stock theft units, Industry members & DoA officials.
- Awareness sessions have been held with Communal kraals and auctioneers
- Auction awareness notices have been issued on several occasions to update them on new areas of infection
- Awareness session was also held with colleagues from the Agricultural side
- Individual farmer awareness as we do surveillance with a written notice on movement control is handed to each farmer
- Farmers days and Study groups focus on FMD and Biosecurity

Challenges

- Movement control of animals/people (Communal setup)
- Man- & woman power (Submission was made to DoA to assist with officials)
- Communal farmers refusing vaccination-have sangomas who will heal the animals
- Assistance of communal farmers with slaughter opportunities and how to handle ritual slaughters
- Designated Abattoirs in Gauteng- Two designated abattoir –Vereeniging & Morgan
- APAC role in enforcement of Biosecurity at auctions