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**TAKING DECISIVE
ACTION TO**

PROTECT THE WESTERN CAPE

THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT
IS TAKING DECISIVE ACTION TO CURB
THE NATIONAL FOOT-AND-MOUTH
DISEASE (FMD) OUTBREAK.

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Food-and-Mouth Disease is a highly contagious animal disease affecting cloven-hoofed animals

DECISIVE ACTION TAKEN TO CURB FMD

- Teams are on the ground implementing a 21-point plan to curb FMD and protect the economy and jobs.
- Affected areas are under quarantine, and protective measure are encouraged by the WCG State Veterinarians.
- FMD Checkpoints are in place across the Western Cape to restrict animal movement in affected areas.
- Working with farmers, Agri Western Cape, local municipalities, and law enforcement authorities to prevent the spread of FMD.

WHAT IS FMD?

- FMD is a highly contagious animal disease affecting cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, goats and pigs
- It causes painful sores and blisters in the mouth and around the hooves, leading to drooling, difficulty in eating and lameness
- FMD does not affect humans and is not a food safety risk



HOW DOES FMD SPREAD?

The virus spreads easily through:

- Movement of infected animals (even before signs are visible)
- Vehicles, trailers and equipment
- Clothing, footwear and hands
- Feed and animal products
- People moving from infected to uninfected farms

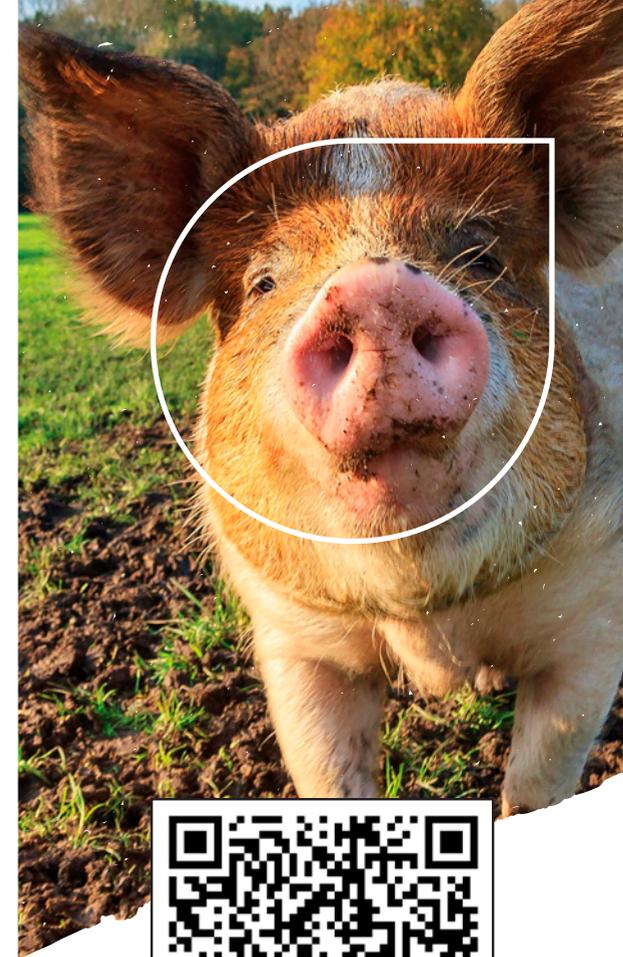
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF FMD

- Do not move livestock unless legally permitted
- Do not share equipment with your neighbours
- Buy animals only from trusted sources
- Restrict access to animals and, if you suspect FMD, separate the sick animals from the rest of the herd
- Regularly clean and disinfect all areas, vehicles, footwear and equipment
- Report any suspected symptoms to your nearest state vet immediately

WHAT IS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR FMD?

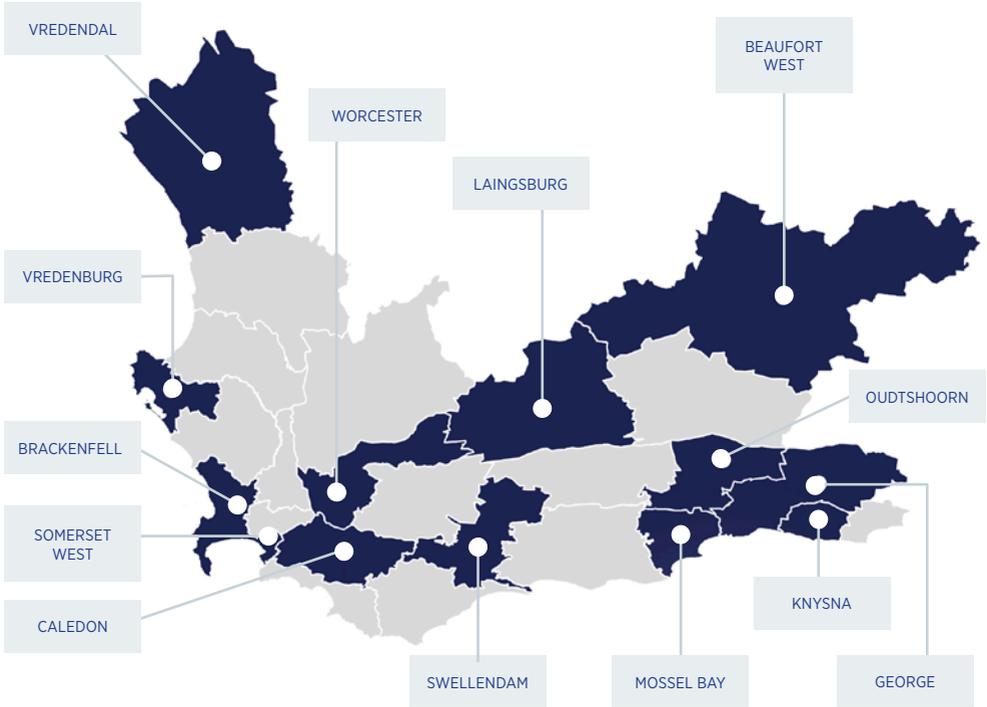
Under the Animal Diseases Act, all movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs must be accompanied by full documentation, including:

- A health declaration from the place of origin
- A destination declaration confirming 28-day isolation
- All livestock movements must be reported via the official web application



Failure to comply is an offence. Should you suspect any cases of FMD, contact your nearest WCG State Veterinarians by scanning the QR Code.

FMD CHECKPOINTS MAP



WHY ARE SOME ROAD USERS BEING STOPPED?

- Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) has been confirmed in parts of the Western Cape
- Checkpoints form part of emergency control measures to prevent the spread of the disease and to protect livestock, farmers, jobs and food security

USEFUL LINKS

- Report livestock movement: <https://tinyurl.com/AnimalMovementApp>
- Information packs for farmers and transporters: www.elsenburg.com/western-cape/infopaks/
- Frequently Asked Questions on FMD: www.elsenburg.com/western-cape/frequently-asked-questions/faq-foot-and-mouth-disease/



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