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Geborg deur



Johan Gunter het die maand met dr Carmen Muller, 'n navorser by die Universiteit van Pretoria, oor die voedingswaarde van rooivleis gesels.

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Smelt-in-die-mond biefstuk en lamsvleisbredie

Ina Louw en Retha Nagel van die VLV se Suidwestelike Distrikte-tak, deel in hierdie maand se resepte-afdeling hulle spesiale rooivleisresepte.

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Ina Louw



Retha Nagel

Bultfontein veediefstal-werkswinkel/inligtingsdag

Die RPO Vrystaat het op 22 mei 'n inligtingsdag oor veediefstal in Bultfontein aangebied. Verskeie rolspelers het waardevolle insette oor veediefstal en verwante misdaad in landbougemeenskappe gelewer.



Jurg Kruger van die Suid-Afrikaanse Poligraaf- en Ondersoekdiens (SAPIS)

het gepraat oor die funksionering van landbou- en veediefstaleenhede binne privaatvennootskappe, asook die belangrikheid van samewerking tussen produsente, veiligheidstrukture en wetstoepassingsagente.

Advokaat Kgomotso Mthethwa het gefokus op die rol van die Nasionale Vervolgingsgesag in die hantering en vervolging van veediefstalsake, asook die belangrikheid van deeglike ondersoeke en samewerking om suksesvolle vervolging te verseker.

Sterk klem is gelê op die noodsaaklikheid van goeie samewerking tussen produsente, die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisie en alle belanghebbendes, aangesien gesamentlike optrede en volgehoue kommunikasie van kardinale belang is in die bekamping van veediefstal en ander landbouverwante misdaad.

'n Algemene bespreking het ook plaasgevind oor die toenemende probleem van onwettige jag met honde, asook die skade en verliese wat dit vir produsente en gemeenskappe veroorsaak. Die dag is deur 42 persone bygewoon.

Kwanalu urges caution following FMD vaccine court ruling

Kwanalu, the KwaZulu-Natal Agricultural Union, has cautiously welcomed the recent Gauteng High Court ruling relating to the private procurement and administration of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) vaccines on 25 May.

However, it urges producers and stakeholders not to misinterpret the judgment as immediate implementation or unrestricted private vaccine importation, stressing that significant legal, regulatory, and practical processes still need to unfold before any meaningful implementation may occur.

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BEK: Boere is moeg vir 'goedkoop propaganda'

Die proses om diere met bek-en-klouseer (BEK) te behandel, word as uiters senutergend beskryf. Terwyl boere midde-in die krisis is om hul beeste te behandel en gesond te kry, is die laaste ding wat hulle wil sien, sogenaamde 'goedkoop propaganda' van politici by drukgange waar vee ingeënt word.

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North West Animal Health Forum report summary

The North West Animal Health Forum held a meeting on 19 May to discuss animal health issues in the province. While there was a strong focus on foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), other animal diseases were also discussed:

New (FMD) outbreaks are continuing, concentrated in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati and Ngaka Modiri Molema districts. Feedlots are a growing concern, as the constant animal movement is causing reinfection even in previously cleared facilities. Movement control is still a major challenge, with provincial measures withdrawn and a national protocol not yet finalised.

Wildlife spillover risk is a serious concern, particularly where buffalo and cattle coexist. A roan antelope tested positive on a farm with buffalo present. Since buffalo are carrier species, urgent vaccination of cattle on surrounding farms is the current mitigation strategy.

Vaccination progress has improved. The province received 332 400 doses initially (with 100 000 going to feedlots), and a further 267 700 doses have since been allocated. The focus has shifted from vaccine supply to rapid rollout. The provincial target is to vaccinate 80% of the herd (1,1 million animals) by the end of July 2026, supported by 40 new animal health technicians, Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS) technicians, and veterinary students.

Rollout challenges include staff shortages, uneven district progress, vaccine wastage from small herds, not all feedlots being association members, and some producers being reluctant to use private vets due to cost. To date, 17 private vets have been authorised.

Movement control and traceability: Stricter controls were called for. The LITS system is being used to track vaccinated animals individually, with potential integration of the AIMS system pending regulatory approval. Outdated pound regulations (dating to 2010, still unfinished) are hampering border control, particularly along the Botswana border.

Other diseases to watch

Producers were cautioned not to neglect other diseases while FMD dominates attention:

- Rabies – 11 cases already this year vs. 25 for all of last year.
- Rift Valley Fever – 26 cases since September 2025, linked to wildlife contact.
- Botulism – risk rising as winter approaches and poultry manure feeding increases.
- Lumpy skin disease and foot rot – uptick following heavy rains.
- African horse sickness – legal vaccination required between 1 June and 30 October.
- Brucellosis and reproductive diseases (trichomoniasis/vibriosis) – routine protocols should continue despite FMD focus.

Agriculture budget focusses on exports, biosecurity, and producer support

Minister of agriculture John Steenhuisen, alongside deputy minister Rosemary Nokuzola Capa, on 15 May tabled the Department of Agriculture's 2026/27 budget vote in Parliament. The budget vote outlined a strategy focussed on export growth, biosecurity, and improved producer support systems.

Responding to the budget, Bennie van Zyl, general manager of TLU SA, said the sector remained concerned about whether these allocations would translate into measurable outcomes. "What we want to see is the outcome of these budgets and the capacity to deliver on what is being announced," Van Zyl said.

Steenhuisen told Parliament that the sector was entering a new phase. "We meet at a moment when the story of South African agriculture is beginning to change in substance, not just in sentiment," he said.



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North West Stock Prevention Forum meeting summary

The North West Stock Theft Prevention Forum held a meeting on 27 May 2026.

Key concerns and outcomes

Operational successes: The SAPS reported notable arrests, including six in the Parys area, and a significant drop in cases in Bakerville following arrests there.



Communication problems: Poor, uncoordinated information sharing was flagged as a major issue. All information must now flow through the investigating officer, stock theft unit commanders, STIC structures, and the planned RPO NW/Agri NW Safety Desk.

Safety desk: Agri NW confirmed it will establish a Crime/Safety Desk in partnership with RPO Northwest to coordinate communication, support STIC structures, and improve SAPS-producer cooperation.

Stock theft statistics: Over 1 000 cattle stolen in six months, with low recovery rates. Hotspot areas: Taung, Ottosdal, Makwassie, Madibogo, and Lichtenburg. Focussed operations recommended.

Animal identification: Lack of brand marking/tattooing is hampering prosecutions. Stronger enforcement of the *Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002)* is needed.

Technology: An E2 camera project is underway, and SAPS drones have been distributed across the province. Both are seen as important tools, but not replacements for patrols and planning. A new method of theft involving horseback transport of carcasses was flagged.

Way forward: Strengthen STIC structures, improve attendance and communication, enforce animal identification, conduct hotspot operations, and build out the Safety Desk.

Exemption of imported feedlot animals from certain sections of *Animal Identification Act*

The National Stock Theft Prevention Forum received a request from the Eastern Cape for exemption in terms of certain sections of the *Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002)*.

The request relates to animals destined for live export, for which identification marks must be transferred to the new owner within 14 days of the transaction in terms of the Act. However, because these animals remain in feedlots for only a short period before export, it is very difficult in practice to comply with this provision.

The matter was referred to the registrar of animal identification. Approval was subsequently granted, exempting animals destined for finishing in feedlots for purposes of live export, from specific provisions of the *Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002)*, namely sections 7(1)(d) and 7(4)(b)(i).

Herorganisasie van Nasionale Veediefstalvoorkomingsforum

Die Nasionale Veediefstalvoorkomingsforum (NVVF) se dagbestuur is tydens sy vergadering op 20 Mei geherorganiseer.

Die voorsitter, Louis Wessels, word deur die RPO se uitvoerende raad aangestel, aangesien die NVVF ook 'n subkomitee van die Nasionale RPO is. Die NVVF het 'n kantoor in elk van die nege provinsies, waar verskeie rolspelers deel van die provinsiale veediefstalvoorkomingsforums vorm .

Die nuwe dagbestuur is:



Voorsitter:
Louis Wessels
(Wes-Kaap)



Visevoorsitter:
Joe Scholtz
(Noord-Kaap)



Addisionele lid:
Douw Pelser
(Limpopo)

Freddie van Tonder van KwaZulu-Natal, wat as addisionele lid op die dagbestuur gedien het, het na etlike jare se diens uitgetree.

Produsente kan direk met hul provinsiale veediefstalvoorkomingsforums skakel. Die kontakbesonderhede is soos volg:

| PROVINSIE | VOORSITTER | PROVINSIALE KOÖRDINEERDER |
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RPO Noordwes produsente-gesprek opsomming

Tydens die RPO Noordwes se produsentegesprek op 27 Mei, is sleutelkwessies in die rooivleisbedryf bespreek.

Uitdagings vir die speenkalfprodusent

Produsente het aangedui dat boere in gebiede soos Vryburg min alternatiewe buite speenkalfproduksie het. Die hoë insetkoste en dalende kostedoeltreffendheid maak dit moeilik om self voer te produseer of kalwers langer aan te hou.

Verbruikers, produkbeheer en uitvoere

Gesprekke het plaasgevind rondom die invloed van die eindverbruiker op vleispryse en hoe produsente beheer oor die waardeketting verloor het. Daar was terselfdertyd 'n sterk fokus op wetgewing en die invloed daarvan op die rooivleisbedryf. Wetgewing in Suid-Afrika is volgens deelnemers verouderd en hou nie tred met die huidige bedryfsstrukture nie.

Die toekomstige produsent

Daar is besin oor hoe die rooivleisprodusent oor die volgende tien jaar gaan lyk. Belangrike bekommernisse is bespreek, maar die positiewe boodskap was dat die wêreld se bevolking steeds groei en vleisproduksie noodsaaklik sal bly. Produsente moet dus waarde tot hul produkte toevoeg om volhoubaar te bly. Die vergadering was dit eens dat die jonger geslagte gemotiveer moet word sodat die bedryf kan voortbestaan.

Statutêre heffing en RMIS

Die funksionering van die statutêre heffing en Rooivleisbedryfsdienste (RMIS) se rol daarin is breedvoerig bespreek. Fondse word gebruik vir:

- Diergesondheid en biosekuriteit.
- Naspeurbaarheid.
- Navorsing en ontwikkeling.
- Verbruikersopvoeding.
- Markontwikkeling.
- Opleiding.

Bek-en-klouseer (BEK) en slagpale

Probleme wat uitgelig is, was onder meer die staat se beheer oor groot dele van die bedryf, met lede wat voel die RPO moet intree. 'n Tekort aan BEK-goedgekeurde slagpale, inkomsteverliese weens vertraagde slagtings en stadige staatsbesluitneming is ook uitgelig.

Sleutelgedagtes

- Die bedryf is nie noodwendig ongeïnteresseerd nie, maar onvoldoende verbind.
- Meer rolspelers is nodig om konteks te skep en boodskappe doeltreffend oor te dra.
- Kort, gereelde terugvoer aan produsente is noodsaaklik.
- Produsente wil duidelikheid hê oor die organisasie se aktiwiteite, die aanwending van die statutêre heffing en ongelyke voordele, asook huidige uitdagings en suksesse wat bereik is.



US agricultural sector adjusting for higher costs in 2026

The Iran war and the ongoing trade uncertainty and tariffs are beginning to show up more clearly in the broader economy. April headline inflation increased to 3,8%, the highest level since May 2023. Even after removing food and energy, the most volatile categories, core inflation still measured 2,8% in April, the highest level since September 2025.

Recent inflation estimates coupled with poor consumer sentiment have everyone looking over their shoulder at what could come next. For agriculture, these developments matter because higher fuel, fertiliser, and transportation costs eventually work their way into the cost structure of nearly every operation.



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Australia: NFF calls for government to safeguard producers from capital gains changes

Tax reform in the wake of the Federal Budget was front and centre for the nation's agricultural leaders at a meeting of the National Farmers' Federation's Members' Council in Canberra recently.

Bringing together state farming organisations and commodity groups from across Australia, the council passed a resolution calling on the Australian government to safeguard farm businesses from unintended consequences arising from proposed changes to capital gains tax and their potential impact on intergenerational farm succession.

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Protect your herd from bovine brucellosis

There is no treatment for bovine brucellosis. Especially stud and dairy producers must work closely with a herd veterinarian to manage the disease effectively, with regular herd testing being essential. Farming an infected herd is not sustainable in the long term.

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Skaapbrandsiekte: Klein myte, groot skade

Skaapbrandsiekte veroorsaak erge jeuk, velskade, korsagtige velbesoedeling en wolverlies. Die voortdurende irritasie lei daartoe dat diere minder vreet, wat uiteindelik gewigsverlies en 'n verlies aan kondisie meebring.

Brandsiekte onder skape laat hom nie beperk tot een kudde of plaas nie en kan soos 'n veldbrand versprei.

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Making cattle farming great again: From farm to fork

The revamped *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030*, present a valuable opportunity for livestock producers to regain some lost ground in the long-running campaign against their products. For years, these products have served as convenient scapegoats for a range of human illnesses as well as climate change.

The National Cattlemen's Association in the United States was quick to recognise the opportunity, noting that in addition to its protein content, beef provides at least nine other essential nutrients, including iron and B vitamins.

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Maak beesvleis weer die held: Van plaas tot vurk

Die hersiene *Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025-2030* bied aan veeprodusente 'n waardevolle geleentheid om die veld wat hulle in die jarelange veldtogte teen rooivleis verloor het, weer terug te wen. Rooivleisprodukte is vir jare deur aktiviste voorgehou as die sondebok wat verskeie menslike siektes en selfs klimaatsverandering veroorsaak.

Die Verenigde State se nasionale beesprodusentevereniging het die geleentheid wat deur die hersiene riglyne gebied word herken en benadruk dat beesvleis, benewens sy proteïeninhoud, minstens nege ander noodsaaklike voedingstowwe bevat, insluitend yster en B-vitamiene.

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The value of stud breeding

Stud breeding creates value through genetic premiums. A registered bull or pregnant heifer is an asset that appreciates in value.

In the South African agricultural landscape, transitioning from commercial beef production to registered stud breeding characterises a shift synonymous to that of transitioning from a commodity-based enterprise to a high-value genetic technology firm.

With approximately 71% of South Africa's agricultural land suitable for extensive livestock grazing, the livestock used need to be efficient at turning low-quality, high-fibre veld into high-quality protein. The stud breeder is at the top of the value chain, providing the genetic 'blueprint' that drives that efficiency.

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Waarom 'n versekeringmakelaar in landbou saak maak

Die keuse van landbouversekering gaan oor veel meer as die premie. Dit gaan daaroor om seker te maak dat jou boerdery se risiko's behoorlik verstaan word en dat, sou iets skeefloop, jou dekking sal doen wat dit moet.

Produsente wil dikwels weet of dit beter is om dekking direk by 'n versekeraar te koop of om deur 'n makelaar te werk. Die antwoord gaan nie net oor koste nie. Dit is ook belangrik om te bepaal hoeveel advies en betrokkenheid jy nodig het om jou boerdery voldoende te beskerm.

Die rede daarvoor is eenvoudig: Die risiko's in landbou is groot en verander voortdurend.

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Why an insurance broker matters in agriculture

Choosing insurance in agriculture is about far more than just the premium. It is about making sure the risks around your farming operation are properly understood, and that when something goes wrong, your cover responds as it should.

A question many producers ask is whether it is better to insure directly with an insurer or to work through a broker. The answer is not simply about price. It is about understanding the difference and deciding what level of advice, support, and involvement you want when protecting your farming operation.

This matters because the risks producers face are real and evolving.

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Standing together for a stronger agricultural future

Agriculture has always been a sector built on resilience, innovation, and community. Despite the challenges producers face today, such as rising input costs, unpredictable weather patterns, and market pressures, the spirit of South African agriculture remains strong. Now more than ever, collaboration and smart procurement are key to sustaining profitability and ensuring long-term success.

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Boosting livestock performance with smarter trace minerals

A practical guide for farmers and nutritionists on improving efficiency, health, and profitability

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'n Fokus op veediefstal

Lede van die Nasionale Veediefstalvoorkomingsforum se raad het oor die laaste paar maande op LandbouRadio hulle sê gesê.

Sarel Pretorius

Louis Wessels

Freddie van Tonder

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Kan die huidige BEK-pandemie SA se laaste een wees?

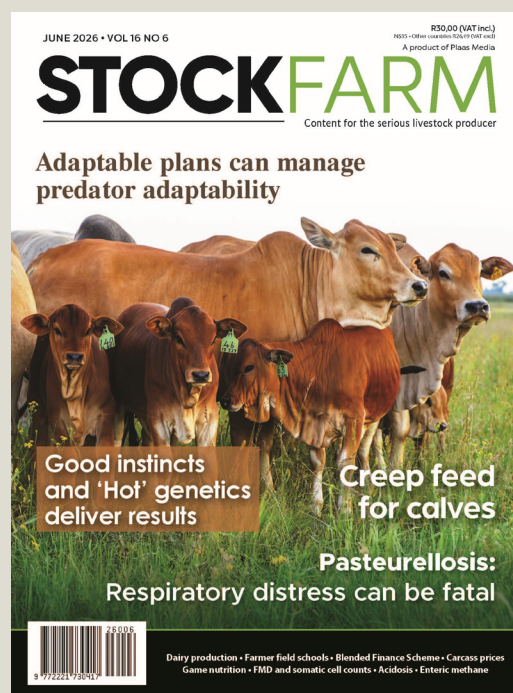
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