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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND REFORM

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**LIFTING OF CONTROL MEASURES IMPOSED AS A RESULT OF AN OUTBREAK OF  
CONTAGIOUS BOVINE PLEUROPNEUMONIA (LUNGSICKNESS) IN THE NORTHERN  
COMMUNAL AREAS OF NAMIBIA**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform hereby informs farmers, stakeholders and the general public of the lifting of the control measures that were imposed following an outbreak of Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia, commonly known as Lungsickness which occurred in most parts of the Northern Communal Areas (NCA) since February 2022.

The disease has been confirmed in Kavango West, Kavango East, Ohangwena, and Oshikoto (north of the veterinary cordon fence), Omusati and Kunene (north of the veterinary cordon fence) regions. For the purpose of controlling this outbreak, the following control measures were instituted namely: movement restrictions of live cattle, vaccination of cattle, as well as disease surveillance in all affected regions. To date the mass vaccination of cattle in all affected regions has been completed achieving a 94 % coverage.

The Ministry would further like to caution farmers and general public that despite the lifting of movement restrictions, other disease control activities will continue and farmers are required by law to report any suspicious cases of Lungsickness to the nearest state veterinary office.

The Ministry would like to thank all stakeholders particularly farmers, Namibian Police, as well as staff members of the Directorate of Veterinary Services for their cooperation and assistance in fighting this outbreak.

  
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