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**MEDIA INVITE**

**29 May 2026**

**MINISTER STEENHUISEN TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE, LABOUR STATISTICS AND EXPORT GAINS IN THE CITRUS INDUSTRY**

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr John Steenhuisen will provide an update on the department's response to Foot and mouth disease (FMD) including updates on funding allocations, the number of vaccinated animals, and procurement processes. The government remains committed to ensuring the distribution of vaccines and eradicating FMD once and for all.

The Minister will also outline the department's position regarding the recent interim order handed down by the Gauteng Division of the High Court relating to the procurement and administration of FMD vaccines. Furthermore, he will provide an update on storm-related damage in the Western Cape and Eastern Cape and reflect on the Quarter 1 labour statistics affecting the agricultural sector. In addition, Minister Steenhuisen is expected to highlight recent export gains in the citrus industry and their contribution to the agricultural economy.

**Details of the event:**

Date: Monday, 01 June 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: Imbizo Hall, Parliament in Cape Town

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