

TOGETHER AGAINST STOCK THEFT

The National Stock Theft Prevention Forum requests that all role players in the red meat industry urgently play an active role in stock theft prevention and urge the general public for their assistance. The National Crime Statistics made available by the South African Police Service on 24 October 2017 has reference. The livestock theft statistics were analysed by the National Stock Theft Prevention Forum (NSTPF) and the following information is of importance:

- Nationally livestock theft cases have increased by 8.8%. Although one would consider the rise as dramatic, the reasons are not known. It may be due to a real increase or improved reporting of cases by victims.
- In the table below, the increases within the different provinces are indicated varying from as high as 22.5% to as low as 1.8%.

Table: Livestock theft cases per province

Province	2015/16	2016/17	Increase/decrease	Percentage
North West	2 605	3 192	587	22.5%
Mpumalanga	2 337	2 867	530	22.5%
Gauteng	818	987	169	20.7%
Limpopo	1 756	1 956	200	11.4%
Free State	3 466	3 677	21	6.1%
KwaZulu-Natal	5 731	5 959	228	4%
Eastern Cape	5 809	6 023	214	3.7%
Western Cape	861	885	24	2.8%
Northern Cape	1 132	1 356	24	1.8%
NATIONAL	24 715	26 902	2 187	8.8%

Non-reporting of livestock theft

Statistics South Africa reported in 2011 that 36.3% of stock theft cases were not reported by the victims, in 2012 this number rose to 40.1% and in 2013 it increased drastically to 63%. The 2014 victims of crime survey did not evaluate this phenomenon. However Lombaard (2014) found that 75% of sheep theft in the Free State Province is not reported. Currently these figures are even questioned as information from provinces indicates that the non-reporting is escalating at such a rate that it could

currently be as high as 80% to 85% in certain districts. Statistics South Africa confirmed in 2015 that the non-reporting rate has escalated to 67.7% and rose to 70.1% in 2016. The 2017 survey did not provide the non-reporting figures.

With this information at hand and the festive season and the planting season ahead, the National Stock Theft Prevention Forum requests:

- That all livestock owners register a unique mark (brand or tattoo mark) in their name and apply it to all livestock in their possession in the prescribed manner as described in the Animal Identification Act, Act 6 of 2002.
- The completion and submission of the 'document of identification' and 'stock removal certificate' with all transactions.
- That all livestock buyers, auctioneers, feedlots and abattoirs confirm livestock ownership and refuse to take ownership of livestock that are not marked or where the necessary document of identification and stock removal certificate are not supplied.
- That all documents of identification be kept on record for 12 months.
- That farmers count their livestock regularly and do not simply stop the practice during the planting season. When livestock is only counted after the planting period and losses discovered, it is simply too late.

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Weather Report North West Rustenburg

Friday	01	December	2017	33°C - 19°C
Saturday	02	December	2017	31°C - 18°C
Sunday	03	December	2017	34°C - 20°C
Monday	04	December	2017	31°C - 18°C
Tuesday	05	December	2017	25°C - 17°C

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Crude Oil	[OIL]	R	868.98
Gold Ounces	[XAU]	R	17,392.47
Platinum Ounces	[XPT]	R	12,852.24
Palladium Ounces	[XPD]	R	13,791.84
United States Dollar	[USD]	R	13.58
British Pound	[GBP]	R	18.26
Euro	[EUR]	R	16.17
Chinese Yen	[CNY]	R	2.01
Namibian Dollar	[NAD]	R	1.00
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