

1. Surveillance

- The surveillance process has started with Cropwatch and a working session is scheduled for this afternoon at the offices of Grain SA.

Responsible role players – Grain SA/SANSOR/DAFF

2. Research initiative

- A meeting took place between all role players (DAFF, SANSOR, NWU, Grain SA, ARC-GCI)
- At this particular meeting the short-, medium- and long-term initiatives were discussed and agreed on.

Responsible role players – DAFF, SANSOR, NWU, Grain SA, ARC-GCI

3. Current status of FAW in South Africa (as of 22-02-2017)**3.1 KZN**

- Information on new areas and hosts to be updated weekly.
- The latest detection in the areas of Kwazulu-Natal has been confirmed in Greytown, Makatini, Drankensville .
- Unconfirmed reports have been reported from Newcastle and Fort Mistake.
- DAFF is to develop leaflets in isiZulu.
- Scouting and identification in KZN is ongoing.

3.2 Western Cape

- No FAW detection in the Western Cape.
- Surveillance work will be intensified with the winter grain planting season lying ahead.

3.3 Northern Cape

- The reported case in Douglas was not FAW.
- Hartswater was confirmed with FAW.
- Extension offices are out scouting in the province.

3.4 Mpumalanga

- Confirmed areas: Hazyview, Nkomazi, Bushbuckridge, Schoemanskloof (Tonga area).
- Extension offices are out scouting in the province.

3.5 North West

- Detected areas: Potchefstroom

3.6 Free State

- Detected areas: Vredefort, Parys, Petrus Steyn

3.7 Limpopo

- Widespread in Limpopo (Thabazimbi)

- Unconfirmed: Three crops (potato, onion and tomato) reported to be affected and need to be followed up.

3.8 Gauteng

- Areas detected: Roodeplaat, Bronkhorstspuit, Onderstepoort, Nigel
Responsible role players – DAFF, all PDA's

4. Information

- FAO regional offices had a workshop with all the countries in the region and DAFF participated in the workshop.

Responsible role players – DAFF

5. Damage assessment

- DAFF is in the process of developing methodology for assessing the damage. They are also consulting with Treasury for funding.

Responsible role players – DAFF

6. Emergency registration of chemicals

- All registered chemicals uploaded on the DAFF website (to date 29 chemicals are registered)

Responsible role players – DAFF

7. Agricultural Pest Act

- Draft regulations were drafted and finalised.

Responsible role players – DAFF

8. Awareness campaign

- DAFF busy with a factsheet on FAW and will be translated in the local languages.
- A national workshop will be held on the 2nd of March in Limpopo (Polokwane).
- Development of a poster (field ID guide) with distinct characteristics is being development for the major maize pests.

Responsible role players – DAFF