

Paraguay regains 'free of FMD with vaccination' status

Paraguay has regained its 'free of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), with vaccination' status, which it lost back in September of 2011.



The status was restored by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). The news was confirmed by Jorge Gattini, Paraguay's minister of Agriculture and Livestock, last week.

"The recovery of Paraguay's sanitary status is evidence of the responsibility and seriousness of our technical teams working in coordination with the private sector," Gattini said.

More than for Paraguay's pork business, the development is beneficial for beef cattle producers. Gattini said, "This is crucially important for our beef industry because it opens new export markets and more demand for Paraguayan quality cattle." He pointed to the news, being a 'new boost for investment in livestock'.

Paraguay lost its free of FMD status following outbreaks to the north of the country in the San Pedro county in September 2011.

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