

# Solution to drug-resistant ticks will be found, Museveni tells cattle keepers

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President Yoweri Museveni has calmed cattle keepers and encouraged them not to lose hope regarding the challenge of treating drug-resistant ticks that have continuously posed a threat to their livestock.

Museveni said veterinary

experts were making efforts to invent a mixture of acaricides for spraying cattle against ticks and that the drug had tested positive: giving optimism that the combination will be effective.

He, however, observed that the cause of drug-resistant ticks which affect the health

of cattle was due to poor sensitisation by veterinary personnel on the appropriate use of drugs for spraying against the ticks and also the farmers' improper way of using animal drugs when spraying against ticks on individual farms.

Museveni was on Sunday

speaking at Kaaro High School in Kenshunga sub-county, Kiruhura district, where he, together with the First Lady, Janet Museveni, commissioned a girls' dormitory that has been named Esteri in honour of the President's late mother, Esteri Kokundeka, who championed

the girl child education.

"I faced a similar problem on my farm. The ticks had become immune to the spraying, but a more serious and effective method of applying animal drugs to my animals against ticks was the solution," he said, according to a statement issued from State House.

"Preventive measures against East Coast Fever (*Amashuyu*) in animals where ticks die on getting in contact with a treated animal, have been successful. Likewise, other diseases will be tackled accordingly in due course as assured by veterinary officials," he added.