

Farmers worried over tick resistance

Livestock farmers in Lyantonde District have asked government to expedite formulation of a policy on veterinary drugs and other inputs.

Speaking during a workshop organised by Labour College of East Africa and Vet Centre Uganda in Lyantonde Town, dairy farmers observed that if fake agro-chemicals are not decisively tackled, many will continue to lose their animals. "Ticks remain a problem and now we need MPs to amplify our voice," said Yosiya Bagabo, the chairperson Kabula Dairy Farmers Cooperative Society.

Joy Kabatsi, the state minister for animal husbandry, noted that the new policy will also strengthen government inspection.

Lyantonde and Kiruhura lie in the Ankole-Masaka corridor, where dry spells are frequent and affect dairy production. The area currently faces four types of ticks: red-legged, gigantic, blue and brown ticks.

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