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SNOWFALL IN GAUTENG DUE TO INTENSE UPPER TROUGH SYSTEM

The South African Weather Service confirms the observed snow over Gauteng





Figure 1: Snow reported in Heidelberg

Figure 2: Snow reported in Heidelberg

A cold front caused a significant drop in temperatures over Gauteng today, Monday, 10 July 2023. The maximum temperatures are expected to reach 13°C in the northern areas of Gauteng, with minimum temperatures recorded to have met criteria for snowy conditions. Snow was observed over areas in the south, such as Soweto, Alberton and Roodepoort.

Some of the areas that observed snow include the eastern areas of Gauteng, Heidelberg and parts of Vosloorus. Most of the snow that was observed since morning was over Heidelberg. Light snowfall and sleet are still possible over the Highveld and the escarpment of Mpumalanga

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today, where expected temperatures for areas such as Dullstroom, Belfast, Roossenekal, Mariepskop, Mount Anderson and Ermelo will not exceed 6°C.



Figure 3: Snow reported in Krugersdorp

Impacts:

The public and small stock farmers are advised that the very cold, wet and windy conditions may pose a risk to livestock, vulnerable crops and plants. Severe frost is expected overnight as well as on Wednesday morning. The public is also warned to keep warm during these cold conditions.

The public are urged and encouraged to regularly follow weather forecasts on television, radio as well as social media platforms. Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at www.weathersa.co.za as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account @SAWeatherServic

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