A small herd of wild cattle which has roamed unused land near Berrimah for the last six years has finally been captured, Minister for Primary Industry and Trade Paul Henderson announced today.

The cattle are believed to have escaped from live export operations or from blocks in the Berrimah or Palmerston area.

"The four steers and one heifer proved to be quite elusive and difficult to capture over the years as they are a wild stock, very wary of people, and the scrub was too thick to muster the area effectively," Mr Henderson said.

"Shooting them was not suitable considering the location, so the best alternative was to trap the cattle using portable yards set up on the crown land behind the Berrimah Farm – and this ultimately proved to be successful."

Mr Henderson said the roaming animals had presented a danger to the public, especially for motorists travelling along the Wishart Rd area.

"If cattle were to wander onto either Wishart Rd or Berrimah Rd into the path of a motorist at night the consequence could have been tragic, so it's a relief knowing that the 'offenders' are no longer a menace to the public."