

# Foot and Mouth Disease

## Livestock Producers, Allied Industries and Foreign Travelers and Visitors

### THE UNITED STATES IS FREE FROM FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Visitors from countries affected by foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) may unknowingly introduce the virus into the United States. Special precautions should be taken to minimize the risk of transmitting this catastrophic livestock disease, which can infect all wild and domestic cloven-footed animals including cattle, sheep and pigs.

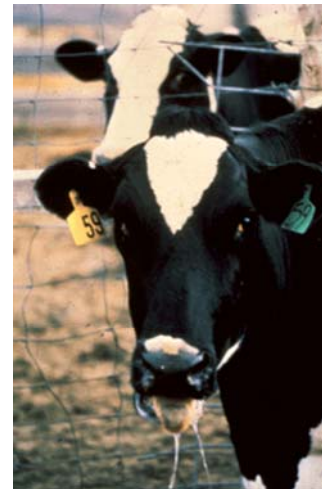
Meat and dairy products from affected countries may harbor the FMD virus. In addition, people can carry this virus on their clothing, shoes and other inanimate objects. To minimize the risk of introducing FMD, follow these recommendations:

- Do not allow meat, animal products or food waste from FMD-affected countries to enter your facilities.
- Foreign travelers should always declare on their Customs form if they have been on a farm or in contact with livestock and always declare the presence of any meat or dairy products in their possession.



- If traveling to an FMD-affected country, carefully wash and disinfect all clothing and shoes upon return to the U.S.

- Producers should ask foreign visitors to provide information about recent farm and animal contacts.
- If possible, farm owners should exclude foreign visitors from livestock facilities for at least five (5) days after arrival in the U.S.



*Painful mouth lesions cause drooling*

- Do not permit clothing, shoes or other articles (such as luggage, cameras, jewelry, and watches) that have been in FMD-affected countries to enter livestock facilities.
- Keep clean protective clothing and footwear available. Require visitors to wear these items and thoroughly wash their hands prior to entering a livestock facility.
- Discourage close contact or handling of animals by foreign visitors.

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