



Oregon livestock producers are advised to be on the alert for Foot and Mouth Disease

During the past few weeks there have been outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in South Korea and Vietnam. The current outbreak in South Korea is most severe and has spread rapidly, causing immense economic damage. Significant disease control measures are being taken and livestock movement has been greatly limited to slow the spread. In the United States and Oregon, we have upgraded our awareness and are on the alert. We provide this information to make sure you have accurate information.

Susceptible animals include

- All cloven-hoofed animals, domestic and wild: pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, deer, etc.
- PLEASE NOTE: The virus can be carried by humans on contaminated clothing, boots, and equipment.

Symptoms include

- Blisters and/or open sores with ragged edges (from ruptured blisters) in the mouth and on the tongue, lips, and muzzle.
- Blisters and/or open sores on teats, between toes, and around the top of the hoof.
- Slobbering and lip smacking (due to sores in mouth)
- Lameness (due to sores on feet)
- Fever, depression, abortion

TO PROTECT YOUR LIVESTOCK

- **Biosecurity** is the most important preventive action livestock producers can take - don't let disease on the farm or ranch.
 - Exercise good general sanitation - have boot washing equipment and disinfectant ready and available and require visitors to use it. Five tablespoons of household bleach in one gallon water is a good disinfectant. Scrub off all dirt and organic material from boots and equipment before disinfecting. Full strength vinegar is good for use on luggage and other things that might be damaged by bleach.
 - Screen visitors - if someone has been out of the US recently, especially South Korea, do not allow them any contact with your animals. The virus can stay alive and be transmitted by contaminated shoes, boots and clothing and can be carried in the throat, nose, ears, etc of people who have been in contact with infected animals.
 - Screen materials - animal origin products of any sort (foods, souvenirs, and so on) can carry the virus. Don't accept gifts of animal-origin products which were purchased in foreign countries.
- **Observe your livestock** closely and carefully.
- **If you see or hear about anything you think might be Foot and Mouth Disease, call your veterinarian immediately!**