

# FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)



## SYMPTOMS OF FMD IN CATTLE, GOATS AND SHEEP



- Lameness in a number of animals in the herd
- Blisters or sores on the tongue, gums or lips
- Pronounced salivation
- Smacking of the lips or grinding teeth
- Blisters or sores between the hooves
- These symptoms can be very mild in goats and sheep and may not even be seen or noticed

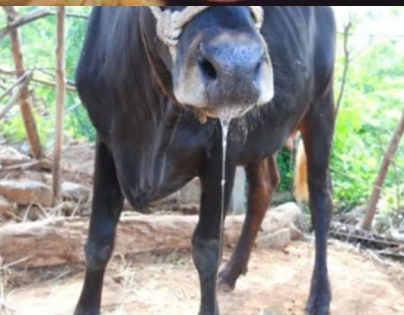
## SYMPTOMS OF FMD IN PIGS



- Pigs are very susceptible to FMD and the disease can be seen in pigs even before it can be noticed in cattle, sheep or goats;
- All the above-mentioned symptoms in a severe grade plus blisters or sores on the pig snout.

## WHEN DO I SUSPECT FMD

- Where 2 – 3 of the above-mentioned symptoms occur in a number of animals in the herd, FMD is suspected.



# PROTOCOL FOR HANDLING SUSPECTED CASES

1. In the case where Foot-and-Mouth-Disease is suspected, immediately isolate the herd with the affected animal or animals, if possible;
2. Do not remove any animals not showing signs and move to another herd – cases may still be sub-clinical;
3. Do not round up all livestock to check for other affected animals. Rather drive through or move through the livestock in a calm manner to check for any other suspected cases. Look for lameness or animals reluctant to get up or walk, salivation, lip smacking;
4. Do this for all camps and herds to determine the extent of the suspected outbreak;
5. No water trough or water source is to be shared between the affected herd and any other un-affected herds;
6. No nose-to-nose contact between affected herds and any other susceptible animal or herd;
7. **Immediately notify your local:**
  - a. State Veterinarian: .....
  - b. Farmer's Union Representative: .....
8. Do not allow ANY movement of any animal from or to the affected establishment;
9. No human contact with the affected livestock. If contact takes place, proper cleaning and disinfection of hands, clothes, shoes etc. must take place before any other livestock is handled;
10. DO NOT cause panic – do not inform / notify other producers. All communication is to be done by the Chief Veterinary Officer;
11. Cooperate fully with the State Veterinarian;
12. Inform the Farmer's Union Representative of the outcome of the official inspection. The representative to ONLY inform CVO and confirm cooperation.

**CAREFULLY FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE STATE VETERINARIAN AND CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER.**