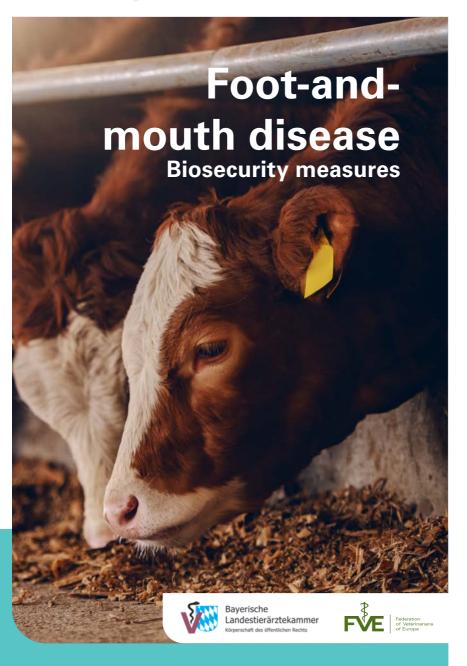


Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection





Help to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease!

There has been a clear increase in FMD cases in Europe this year. We require **your cooperation** to **protect our livestock** and to prevent the disease from spreading.





As a livestock owner, you are legally obliged to ensure that animal diseases are neither introduced into nor spread from your animals.

By complying with the **biosecurity measures** you will also protect your own livestock.

• FMD

is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals in particular (cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and other cloven-hoofed animals).
There is no risk of infection for humans.

TRANSMISSION

FMD is transmitted either directly (from animal to animal, e.g. after purchases) or indirectly (via clothing, footwear, vehicles, equipment or food of animal origin).

The FMD virus can survive for a long time in the environment and animal products.

SYMPTOMS

Foot-and-mouth disease is accompanied by fever, lameness and skin and mucous membrane lesions.





Protect your livestock with biosecurity and hygiene measures:

- No entry to the farm for external persons or only when wearing the farm's own protective clothing or disposable protective clothing.
- Always use clean, farm-owned stable apparel or disposable protective clothing when working with livestock.
- Use sluice gates to direct external persons in and out (with washing and disinfection facilities).
- Clean clothing on site (at least 60°C) or throw away disposable clothing on site.
- No unnecessary vehicle traffic in the yard.
- Observe adequate cleaning and disinfection measures (clothing, shoes, equipment and vehicles).
- Avoid using external objects and vehicles or, if necessary, only do so after proper cleaning and disinfection.
- Store dead animals safely (in a closed container/room). Ensure their collection by an Animal Welfare Officer (TBA) without driving onto the farm (disinfect collection point).

- Protect your farms from rodents and wild animals.
- Train (seasonal) workers in regard to the specific hygiene system at your farm and emphasise in particular that leftover food must be kept away from the animals.
- Employees should not themselves keep any animals belonging to susceptible species.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with animals from other animal husbandries.
- Farm employees must perform suitable hygiene measures after hunting.
- Keep records on farm visits of any kind (TBA, feed, inseminator technician) and document animal movements accurately.
- Only purchase livestock from safe farms of origin.
- Isolate conspicuous animals and keep new arrivals under adequate quarantine conditions.
 Ensure that adequate and separate quarantine and sick areas are available.

These main points should help you to incorporate the necessary biosecurity measures in your farm concepts and therefore prevent the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease.

The list must always be adapted and expanded to suit the **specific systems at the farms**. Consult with your vet, professional colleagues, associations or other experts if you have any questions and **update your system regularly**. Familiarise yourself with **current developments** at all times.



Additional information

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