

Small farms and foot-and-mouth disease



Key points

- All animals on properties, big and small, could potentially be impacted if an exotic disease outbreak occurs in Australia.
- Australia currently has a disease-free status for foot-and-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease, however all landholders need to play an active role in monitoring and reporting any suspect cases.
- Foot-and-mouth disease is an emergency animal disease. This means an animal showing suspect signs of the disease must be reported to a Local Land Services District Veterinarian on 1300 795 299 or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.
- Find your local District Vet at the LLS website (www.lls.nsw.gov.au/vet) or QR code below.

Foot-and-mouth disease affects cloven-hoofed animals including pigs, cattle, sheep, goats, deer, alpacas, camels, llamas and buffalo.

Cloven-hoofed animals are those with a split toe. It does not affect horses.

The virus is carried by live animals and in meat and dairy products, as well as in soil, bones, untreated hides, vehicles and equipment used with these animals. It can also be carried on people's clothing and footwear.

What are the signs?

- blisters on the mouth, snout, tongue, lips or feet
- erosions remaining after blisters rupture
- drooling
- fever
- limping and reluctance to move
- production losses.

Do not feed swill to pigs!

Swill feeding is the traditional name for feeding food scraps to pigs.

It is illegal to give pigs access to prohibited pig feed which includes meat, animal products and imported dairy goods or anything that has been in contact with these products.

This practice has caused foot-and-mouth disease outbreaks overseas.

Protect your animals

We all need to do our bit to keep our livestock and industries safe.

Things you can do to:

- Update your Farm Biosecurity Plan
- Know the signs of foot and-mouth disease and lumpy skin disease
- Check your animals' health regularly
- Do not feed pigs meat products **NO SWILL!**
- Screen visitors to your property
- Report any suspect cases to your local district or private vet and the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline 1800 675 888.
- Share this information with your neighbours or new farmers keep your community informed.

For more information and free resources scan the code below or visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/ead

