

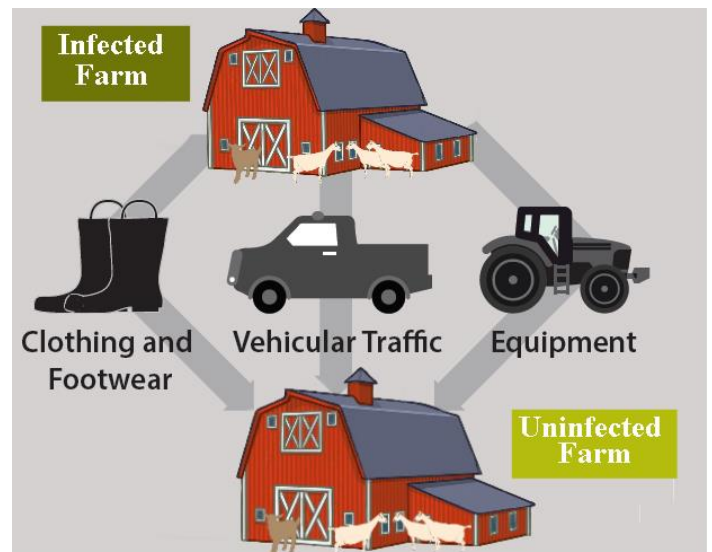
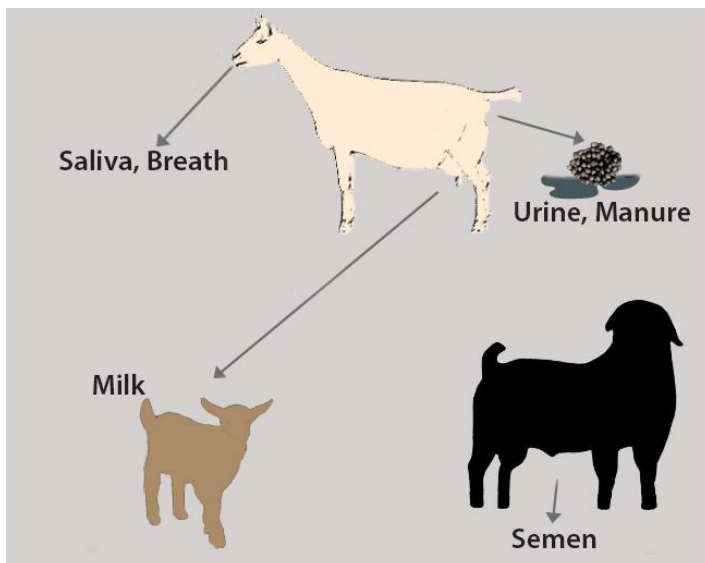
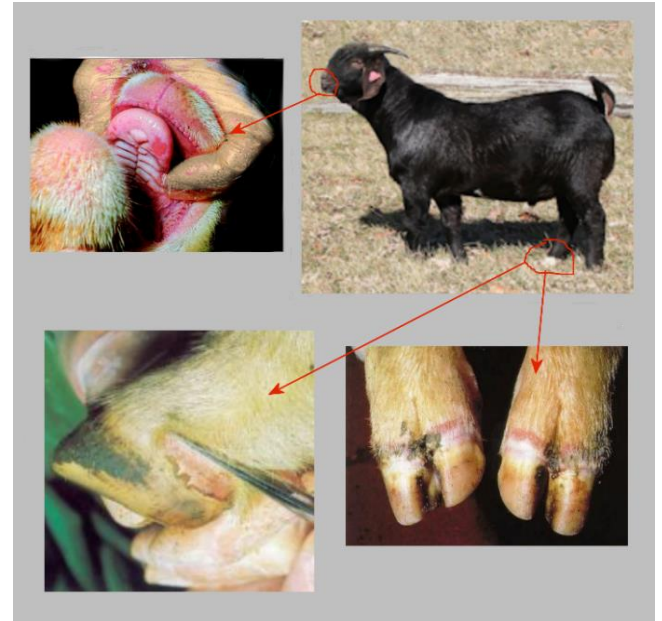


# Foot and Mouth Disease

Also referred to as "Hoof and Mouth Disease"

## What is Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)?

- Most contagious virus of cloven-hoofed animals (cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, deer).
- Does NOT affect public health or food safety. *Meat and milk are safe for people to eat and drink.*
- Clinical signs in adult goats are mild or not apparent. Blisters may be found on feet, in the mouth, and on teats (especially in cattle and pigs).
- Other signs include lameness, fever, nasal discharge, and going off feed.
- Younger animals may die from heart disease.
- Animals may be infected 2-4 days before showing any signs.
- Highly contagious, but may spread slowly through a herd. Virus is shed in saliva, breath, milk, semen, urine, and manure.
- Can be spread directly between animals OR spread indirectly on clothing, footwear, vehicles, and equipment.



## Where is it?

- Foot and Mouth Disease is found in more than 2/3 of the world: including parts of South America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.
- It is *NOT* in the United States, Canada, Mexico, or Central America.

## How will Foot and Mouth Disease affect goat producers if it enters the U.S.?

- Movements on and off Operation locations could be stopped by State and Federal Officials, Responsible Regulatory Officials (RROs) to try to stop disease spread.
  - *Animal movement could stop.*
- When one animal on the Operation becomes infected, the whole herd is considered infected.

## What can you do to protect your goats?

- Participate in the Secure Goat, Milk & Mohair Supply Plan (SGMMS). *It is voluntary.*
- The Plan provides biosecurity standards that goat owners can put into place to help protect their goats from FMD.
- The Plan supports business continuity for goat producers during and after an FMD outbreak.