

Examination Checklist

For Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Sheep



Sheep might show no signs, or only mild signs of being infected with FMD. Fever and the pain from blisters on the feet and mouth can lead to depression, being off-feed, lameness, reluctance to move or rise, and other signs listed below.

- Temperature – check for fever (>104°F or >40°C)**
- Feet – mild to severe lameness in one or more feet**
 - If lame or reluctant to move, look between toes and around coronary band for changes (pale white, redness, or blisters)
- Mouth – look for lack of eating or drinking**
 - If seen, examine the tongue and cheeks for blisters
- Decreased or no milk production**
- Abortion or stillbirth**
- Rams reluctant to mate**
- Sudden death in young lambs**

If you see something abnormal in one or more animals, record it, and call a veterinarian take a closer look for signs of FMD.