

# GO GUIDE

## for responding to an outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease

**1. Review Your FMD Plan and Map**

Your dairy Foot-and-Mouth Disease Emergency Response Plan (with its maps and SOPs) should contain detailed directions about what you need to do, specifically for your operation.



**2. Close All Entrances to the Dairy**

The most important thing you can do to protect your herd is to prevent the virus from coming onto the farm. That means closing off all entrances except one for essential traffic, where vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected. Do not allow shipments of livestock to enter or leave your farm.



**3. Set Up Cleaning and Disinfection Station(s)**

C&D all foot and vehicle traffic, in and out, at the main gate. Remember in the FMD outbreak in the United Kingdom, farms with effective C&D were 80% less likely to contract the disease.



**4. Check Animals For Signs of FMD**

In order to qualify for a permit to ship milk during a FMD response you will be required to monitor herd health daily and to report suspicious signs.



**5. Contact Your Co-op or Creamery for Further Instructions**

During an outbreak your co-op and processor will be in close contact with the state and federal animal health officials that will be controlling the response. Producers, haulers and processors that meet biosecurity and surveillance requirements will be issued permits to ship milk.



***“The only person who can protect your herd is you, but we have a team and a plan to help you.”***

