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First Case of Bluetongue Disease in Sweden

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Report Highlights:

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On September 6, 2008, Sweden reported its first case of Bluetongue disease. The disease was found through a routine test of milk within the Swedish control program for Bluetongue. After further tests of the affected farm, Bluetongue was found in two cattle on the farm. The infected animals had shown no symptoms of the disease.

Due to the large number of Bluetongue cases in Europe the past years, the preparedness for the disease has been high in Sweden. After this finding, the Swedish Board of Agriculture (BOA) took immediate protective measures, including the establishment of protection and restriction areas, in order to prevent the disease from spreading. The protection area has a radius of 20 kilometers from the affected farm and the restriction area has a radius of 150 kilometers from the farm. Transports of ruminants like cattle, sheep and goats are restricted within the protection area. The BOA is currently taking further tests at the affected farm and is preparing to test other farms in the restricted area. In addition, it is preparing vaccination of animals in the affected herd and nearby areas.