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**DURING THE OUTBREAK PLEASE
LIMIT TRAVEL TO ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS
DO NOT GO NEAR INFECTED AREAS AND
PLEASE TAKE SERIOUSLY THE ADVICE
OFFERED BY MAFF & COUNTY NOTICES**

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**Please do your utmost to
support the farming community.**

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FOOT - and - MOUTH DO'S & DONT'S ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC

DO NOT

**DO NOT GO INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE
DO NOT GO ONTO FARMS OR FARMLAND
DO NOT GO ONTO MOORLAND
DO NOT TAKE DOGS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE
ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL
AND MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ROAM
DO NOT HUNT, RIDE, OR SHOOT
DO NOT ARRANGE GATHERINGS UNLESS
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**

DO

**DO USE DISINFECTANT TROUGHS AND
FACILITIES WHERE PROVIDED
DO FOLLOW ALL ADVICE AND
INSTRUCTIONS AND PLEASE RESPECT
THE WISHES OF THE FARMING COMMUNITY
DO PLEASE BE THOUGHTFUL IN ALL YOU
DO TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THIS DISEASE**

Thank you for supporting your local Farming Community

GUIDANCE FROM THE NFU

When reading the following notes please check as necessary the latest update with your local officer or with MAFF.

1) Farmers can only move animals to slaughter if they have a licence from their local trading standards office.

2) Producers in a declared infected area and within 8km of a holding covered by a form C will not qualify.

3) A producer issued with a form D, which has been lifted and has not had any livestock moved onto the premises in the last 21 days, may have a licence issued.

4) Form D's have an expiry date and from this date animals may be moved under licence.

5) In extreme cases the restriction time of a form D may be unlimited: in this case it will be lifted through the issue of a form E after an inspection.

6) Producers who have moved livestock onto their premises within the last 21 days will need to give the name and address where the animals came from for further enquiries to be made.

7) Before a licence is issued trading standards will need producers to inform them of the species and type of livestock to be moved, the numbers, the proposed date of movement, destination and route. The name of the abattoir and specific booking time is also required to ensure animals have a minimum waiting time with the least risk of exposure to infection.

8) Producers will also have to sign a declaration on the day of the intended move that the animals are free from foot and mouth. This must accompany the Animals along with the movement licence.

9) Normal provisions for moving livestock still apply: they must be correctly tagged, have passports, animal transport certificates, sheep movement documents, schedule 2 pig movement forms and so on. Movement records must be completed as required under existing legislation, including movement registers required on farm, at abattoirs and collecting centres.

10) If there are any problems with identification or documentation, the animal will not be permitted to return to the holding and will be destroyed and disposed of.

11) Animals should be presented in a manner fit for slaughter, clean and dry, and where necessary clipped. Animals which do not meet the standard will be held to the end of slaughter, at which point they will be disposed of. If there is difficulty in meeting the clean livestock policy, farmers are advised not to send animals direct to slaughter.

12) Draft proposals have been drawn up for operating collection centres for beef and sheep intended for slaughter and it is hoped MAFF will have the scheme finalised by Friday 9th March and operational by the middle of the next week at the earliest.

13) OTMS cattle will be channelled through collection centres with other livestock.

14) MAFF advises that licences are collected by post or in person, as faxes and e-mails are open to forgery and fraud. However, the advice states licences should only be collected in person from trading standards offices in exceptionally urgent cases, such as where cattle are approaching 30 months.

15) Livestock places must be booked at abattoirs before farmers apply for movement licences: anyone giving false information to trading standards is in danger

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Please support the Farmers and their families in your local community



Foot and Mouth – Advice to Farmers

How to protect your farm

This leaflet provides information on preventative measures on how to protect your farm against foot and mouth disease. Further measures apply if your farm is in a declared infected area.

The following measures should be followed:

- * You should ensure you maintain the highest standards of hygiene for all movements on and off your farm.
- * Have only one combined entrance and exit. Display the name of the farm and the telephone number on the gate. Keep the gate locked.
- * Provide a means of contact between farm entrance and house for essential callers, e.g. a bell or a gong. Supply a tub of disinfectant, a brush for scrubbing footwear and a spray pump. Keep the disinfectant solution clean-renew it daily.
- * All vehicles entering and leaving the premises should have their wheels sprayed with approved disinfectant.
- * Stop all non-essential vehicles and visitors from entering the farm and arrange whenever possible for collection and delivery of supplies to take place at farm boundary.
- * Keep a record of all deliveries. In the event of disease being confirmed this may help in epidemiological investigations.
- * Where possible, house all the animals or keep them away from the perimeter of your farm.
- * Ensure you complete all records of stock movements as required by existing legislation.

If you have more than one farm, then:

- * Treat each as a completely separate unit. Make separate arrangements for labour, management and feeding.
- * Keep dogs, cats and poultry under control.
- * Make every effort to destroy rats and other vermin. They may spread disease.
- * Keep your stock away from household waste, bones or swill.
- * Limit contact with other peoples livestock and with other keepers of livestock. Should you have any contact with them, before you go near your own animals, disinfect your footwear, change your clothes and wash with hot water and soap, including your hair. Any item or object that may have had contact with disease must also be disinfected.

Disinfection and approved disinfectants

A dirty surface must be cleaned before it can be satisfactorily disinfected. The dirt may make the disinfectant useless. It is therefore most important that anything which must be disinfected is first soaked with an approved disinfectant, then thoroughly washed and cleaned and finally washed down with an approved disinfectant.

You must use an APPROVED DISINFECTANT

A list of those approved for use against foot-and-mouth disease and the dilutions at which they must be used are available on the MAFF website.

Useful Advice - Helpline & Contact Telephone Numbers

Ministry of Agriculture (not Licences)	- Tel.	0845 0504141
North Yorkshire County Council	- Tel.	01609 532765
National Farmers Union (Region Office)	- Tel.	01904 451550
MAFF Northallerton	- Tel.	01609 773751
MAFF Divisional Veterinary Manager	- Tel.	01132 300100

North Yorkshire County Council**Public Rights of Way****TAKE NOTICE**

Members of the public are warned that all public rights of way in the county have been closed by statutory notice, over 10,000 notices have been posted on footpaths across the county and the public are advised that persons disobeying these notices are liable to a fine of £5000.

As a preventative measure the county council have installed disinfectant soaked mats on all entry/exits points from open moorland roads crossing cattle grids which should catch all vehicular traffic using these roads.

IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Clubs, meetings and most dales do's are cancelled but it is important that folk keep in touch during the present upsetting situation and, because friends may not visit why not make more use of the phone. Help each other by ringing for a chat, talking things over with friends may not resolve anything but by keeping in regular touch this will strengthen all of us and lift our resolve to see this through. Encourage the children to keep in touch with grandparents and friends, those not at school ask for a contact number so you can ring your teacher to keep up to date with work and not fall behind. Good luck. Talk via Email - school or the 'Gazette'.

Your "Gazette" has a NEW e-mail address. We welcome stories and comment. Children why not keep a diary of events and send your short stories (funny or sad) to us. Make a note of the NEW e-mail address for your local "Reeth & District Gazette"

reegaz@muker.fsnet.co.uk

Or tel. Mike on 886307

NFU GUIDANCE Continued:

of being prosecuted. Animals not booked in and where there is no spare capacity may be left until the end before being slaughtered and disposed of.

16) When booking abattoir time, farmers should determine whether straw is allowed for bedding. Animals making short journeys to the abattoir may not need bedding, as this will make disinfection procedures easier.

During the foot and mouth crisis nearly all clubs, leagues and organisations have now cancelled or suspended their activities. Please check before travelling to any event to ensure that the event is still on and the area you intend to travel to is not a closed or infected area. Best not to go.

Travel for Essential journeys only**CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINES**

Please note the following telephone numbers are available to anyone feeling pressure, isolation or just for someone to talk to at this time :-

LOCAL Rev. Tim Tunley - 01748 884706
Rev. Andrew Bell - 01748 884336
Rev. Gillian Bobbett - 01748 886559

NATIONAL**Advice & Guidance****Rural Stress Information Network**

Tel. 024 7641 2916 (weekdays 8.30am to 4.30pm)

Financial Assistance**Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution**

Tel. 01865 727 888 (weekdays 9am to 4.30pm)

Practical Support for Farmers**Farm Crisis Network**

Tel. 07002 326 326 (daily 7pm to 10pm)

Emotional Help & Support**The Samaritans**

Tel. 08457 90 90 90 (24 hours a day)