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Update of the Schmallenberg Virus Outbreak in the EU

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Report Highlights:

The Schmallenberg virus has been found in cattle in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, the UK and Luxembourg. The total number of cases for cattle, sheep and goats, more than doubled in one month.

The Schmallenberg virus (SBV) has been found in cattle in Germany (243), the Netherlands (124), Belgium (121), France (76), the UK (25) and Luxembourg (1). In Italy, the SBV has been detected on a goat farm and in Spain on a sheep farm. In total 2,923 cases have been confirmed, of which 590 cases in cattle. A month ago, 1,290 cases were found of which 305 in cattle (see GAIN NL2007). Most of the cases are reported in Germany. Presentations about the Schmallenberg virus on the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCFCAH) can be downloaded at:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/committees/regulatory/scfcah/animal_health/presentations_en.htm#1112012012

Below an overview of the farms suspected, inspected and the results of the tests:

Germany	Farms Suspected	Farms inspected	Virus found	Virus not found	Awaiting result
Cattle			243		
Sheep			832		
Goat			45		
Total			1,120		

Last update on 03/30/2012

France	Farms Suspected	Farms inspected	Virus found	Virus not found	Awaiting result
Cattle			76		
Sheep			960		
Goat			12		
Total			1,048		

Last update on 03/30/2012

Belgium	Farms Suspected	Farms inspected	Virus found	Virus not found	Awaiting result
Cattle		527	121		
Sheep		238	161		
Goat		11			
Total		776	284		

Last update on 03/26/2012

UK	Farms Suspected	Farms inspected	Virus found	Virus not found	Awaiting result
Cattle			25		
Sheep			210		
Goat			0		
Total			235		

Last update on 03/30/2012

Netherlands	Farms Suspected	Farms inspected	Virus found	Virus not found	Awaiting result
Cattle	938		124	718	96
Sheep	308		105	192	1
Goat	35		5	29	1
Total	1,281		234	939	98

Last update on 03/30/2012

Trade implications

The following countries imposed restrictions on livestock and products imports from the EU: Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Ukraine, Turkey, Egypt, Kuwait, Lebanon, Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay and the U.S.

-The Russian authorities ban live cattle and swine imports from the EU as of March 20.

-Turkey is reportedly not granting import licenses anymore. This is anticipated to cause about three months of trade standstill. As a consequence cattle exports are forecast to fall about 200,000 head from the forecast in the EU Livestock Semi Annual (GAIN NL2008). These lower exports are expected to increase domestic slaughter as well as ending inventories in 2012.

Information in this report is based on press releases of the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA), the Belgian Food Safety Agency (FAVV), and FAS Offices in The Hague, Berlin, London, Paris and Brussels.