

FOOT AND MOUTH HIT THE UK IN 2001. By Donna DeBonis, DVM, MSFS.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2022-07-19/vet-remembers-foot-and-mouth-disease-outbreak/101239250>.

In 2001, right before the US was hit with a terrorist attack on 9/11, the UK had an outbreak of Foot and Mouth. The toll went beyond livestock death; it is said that over 60 farmers and 3 veterinarians committed suicide as they were faced with destroying apparently healthy animals. Again that was an attempt to contain the disease. Not only was the meat industry affected, but untold income from tourism was lost due to the piles of carcasses across the UK countryside.

I think it is worth a look back to consider that the AAFSPHV offers a way to network in response to such an outbreak. This year we have been facing an outbreak of HPAI, and this post is to let our members know that this website will now offer better support in order to network more effectively in the face of an outbreak.