



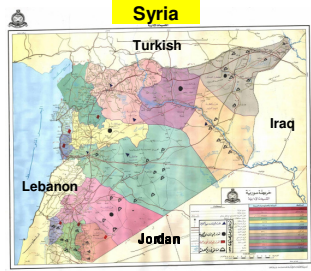




























 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Syria</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr.Ziad Namour Director of Animal Health doah@mail.sy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia) Shiraz, Islamic Republic of Iran 9 - 13 November 2008</small></p>    	 <p style="text-align: center;">Syria</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term Regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia)</small></p>    																								
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Introduction</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syria has an important location in the middle east. It is surrounded by Iraq from the east, Jordan and Palestine from the south Lebanon and Mediterranean sea from the west and Turkey from the north. Syrian population according to the 2006 statistic about 19 million inhabitants. The total area of Syria is 186.000 sq km. <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term Regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia)</small></p>    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large areas of the country are covered by semi-desert At administrative level Syria is divided into 14 provinces In each province there is a department for animal health services the contribution from livestock production to the total agriculture production value is more than 32% All the veterinary services are offered by the government to farmers free of charge. <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term Regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia)</small></p>    																								
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Current FMD Situation and Trends</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FMD cases have occurred in February 2002 in a Governmental dairy farm which is around 10 Km from Damascus city. Strict quarantine procedures were applied on the farm and disposed of all the things connected with the infected animals even the milk. O India virus was detected as a subtype in that outbreak. Veterinary service's immediately implemented an emergency vaccination campaign around the outbreak area <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term Regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia)</small></p>    	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Country - Livestock</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 samples from dairy cattle were sent to Pirbright Lab in 2002. 24 susceptible samples were tested in the central lab in Damascus –by Ag Detection in 2008, all of these samples were negative. <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Regional meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease to develop a long term Regional control strategy (Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia)</small></p>    																								
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Vaccination

- Vaccine component: Trivalent vaccine **A Iran 96, O Indian 53 /97 and Asia 1.**
- The time of vaccination for cattle (February - March) and (October – November).
- For sheep and goat (October – November).
- The vaccination covers all animals of different ages.
- We import FMD vaccine from different companies by announcing tenders and the main suppliers for FMD vaccine are : Merial, Bayer and Intervet.

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Vaccine Quality Control

- Vaccine quality is controlled before applying it in the field at the International Reference Lab such as Pirbright Lab.
- Carrying out sera-monitoring survey after vaccination if the diagnostic materials are available
- Monitoring the application of the vaccination in the field through:

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- Field visits during vaccine campaign and visiting some served farms to insure that the animals have been vaccinated.
- collecting the used vaccines bottles.
- Reporting system (*all participants in the vaccine campaign have to provide the Directorate of Animal Health with a list contains number of vaccinated animals and names of served farmers, villages ,...*)

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Laboratory

- In Syria there are 14 vet-labs which are located in the provinces, three of them have the FMD diagnosis capacity.
- The national lab which is permitted to work with FMD is the central veterinary lab at DoAH, it has 3 unites: Serology, Cell Culture and PCR, and carries out the following tests:
 - 3 ABC FMD ELISA.
 - FMD antigen detection ELISA.
 - FMD antibody detection ELISA.
 - Classic and Real Time PCR test.
 - Viral isolation.

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Laboratory Staff

Lab	Vet.	Technical	Worker
Central lab.	18	67	6
Central Viral lab.	5	6	1
Provinces lab.	87	113	28
Provinces viral lab.	20	25	

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Epidemiology Unit

- **Active** surveillance.
- **Passive** surveillance.
- **Reporting system** (monthly, semester, 6 monthly, annual and emergent reports).
- The information are provided from village level to region and province then to central directorate.
- **Surveillance** is made according to health situation in cooperation with the central lab. by using statistical programs as Epicalc 2000.

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Offered Information by Epidemiology Unit

- Census of (Animals, Vaccination, Villages, Regions and Provinces, Farmers) according to the geographical distribution.
- Local and International health situation information by using (WAHID, WAHIS, FAO reports...).
- 2 vets, 8 technicians work in the unit.

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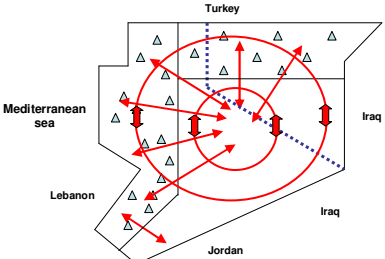


Border and Movement Control

- In 2007, 23879 fattening bulls imported from (Uruguay, Romania, Moldavia) and 81749 sheep from (Uruguay, Moldavia).
- Syria imports live animals from countries free of FMD.
- Strict precaution procedures at the border to prevent illegal movement of animals and animals products.
- Disinfection of tracks, cars,...at borders.





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MOVEMENT OF SHEEP





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Weaknesses in Disease Control

- Difficulties in providing **diagnostic Kits** (Real Time PCR.....).
- **Lack off information** on health situation regarding some countries.
- **The need** to strengthen experiences in Diagnosis and Epidemiology capacity.
- **Unavailable** GPS and GIS systems.





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Suggestions for Strengthening Disease Control (FMD and other ...)





- **Transparency** in countries reports about animal health situation.
- **Enhancing Exchanging experiences** and information between countries in region and with International Organizations.
- **Supporting diagnostic capacity** in the region.
- Neighboring countries should apply vaccine camping at **seam time**.

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