

# Foot and mouth disease -Brandenburg

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# FMD – in Brandenburg

- Reported Friday 10. January, 2025 in the afternoon in ADIS



# FMD – Brandenburg, background

- Herd with **14 water buffaloes**
- Extensively managed in nature reserve close to Berlin
- All animals originates from Germany, most born in the herd
- Farms produced own feed (hay)
- Area with access to the public, often used for walking dogs
- 3 animals died
  - 2 were send to rendering (5/1) – tested for BTV
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> died 6/1 - send to FLI
- Min 250 km from the DK border

Water buffaloes preserving biodiversity  
and wetland landscape



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- All animals originated from the same area
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- Area with access to wild dogs
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## MKS situationen i Brandenburg, Tyskland (DE)

10.01.2025

• MKS udbrud i vandbøffelbesætning



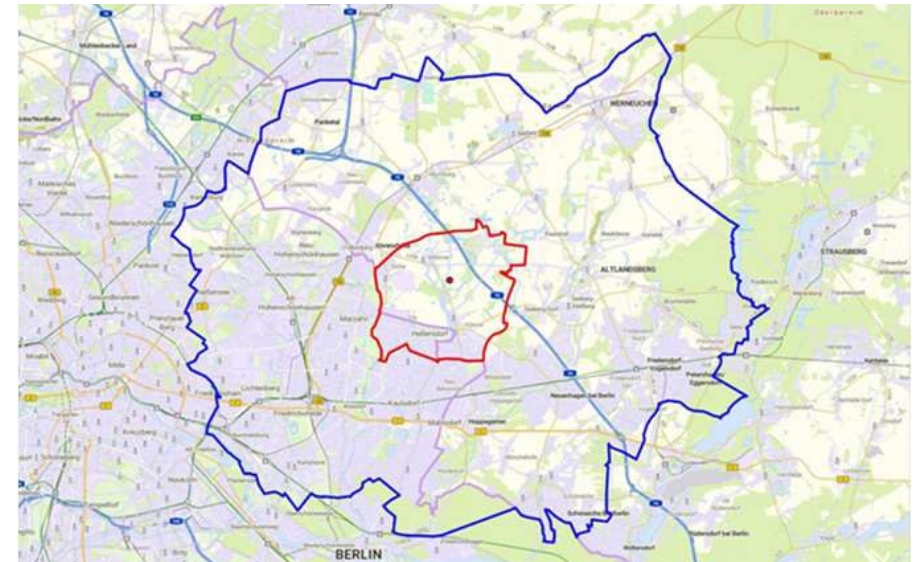
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# FMD – Brandenburg, mitigating actions

- All animals on farm killed
  - Lesions of varying age
  - Time of introduction estimated to 15-31 December
    - based on lesions and antibodies



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# FMD – Brandenburg, mitigating actions

- 3 & 10 km zones established
  - All domestic farms <1km preventively culled – test neg.
  - Screening:
    - <3 km zone
      - 9 farms
      - First round (clinical exam., virological, serological)
      - All test were neg.
      - Second and third round planned
    - 3-10km zone
      - 155 farms
      - First round (clinical exam., virological, serological)
      - All tests were neg.
      - Second round planned



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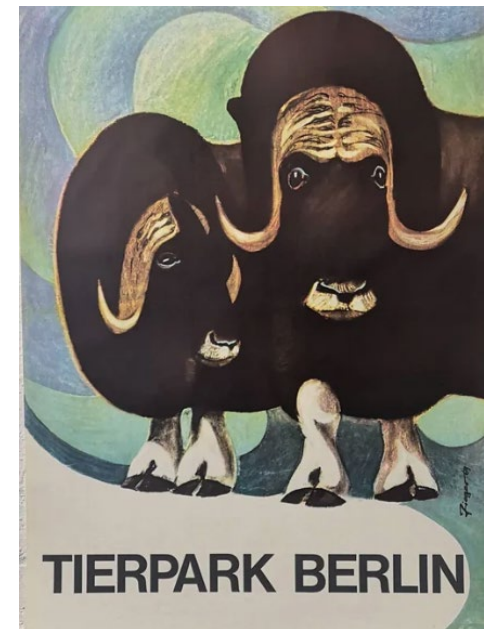
- Tracing
  - 1 farm received hay from area – culled, test neg
  - Rendering truck – farms on route tested
  - Vet route investigated
- Clinical suspicion 12km from farm
  - – culled, test neg.



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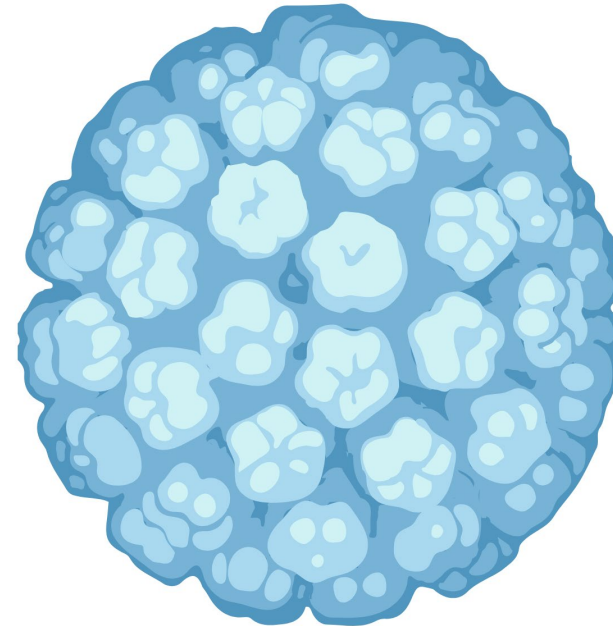
- Standstill in Brandenburg & Berlin (full area, animal movements)
  - from 10/1-18/1 in Brandenburg
  - from 10/1-27/1 in Berlin
- Restricted zones active until min. 11/2
- No cloven-hoofed animals in the “International Green week” in Berlin (17/1-26/1)
- Berlin Zoo closed from 10/1-24/1 – 55 animals tested neg.
- No hunting in zones
- Wild boars are tested, incl. ASF samples from December
- BTV samples tested for FMD, also from BTV-pos. animals





## FMD – Brandenburg, virus

- Phylogenetic analysis showed very close relationship to virus from December, 2024, Turkey
- Isolates send to EU-REF lab
- Serotype O - SA218



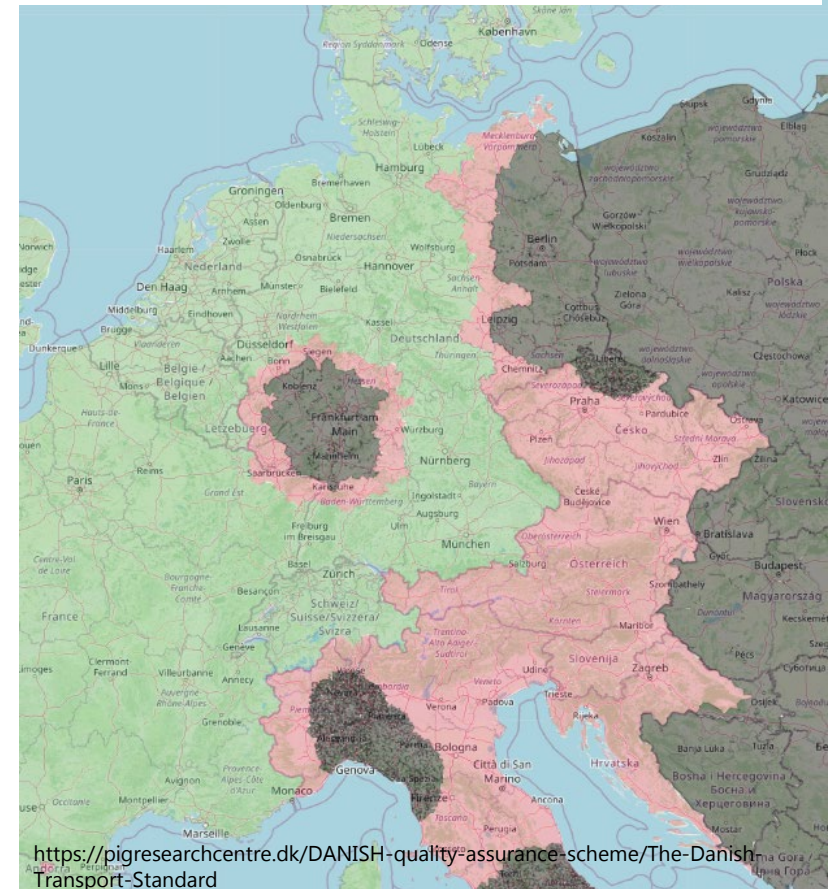
# FMD – Brandenburg, implications for other countries

- DK
  - Expert group activated
  - Lots of work for FVST & others
  - Industry increased “black zones”
  - 2 clinical suspicions
    - both dairy farms in Southern Jutland
    - test negative
  - BTV-samples tested for FMD
    - Incl. BTV-pos. samples

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## THE DANISH TRANSPORT STANDARD

The DANISH Transport Standard summarizes the requirements for cleaning and disinfection of vehicles arriving from abroad; this in the effort to prevent diseases such as African Swine Fever (ASF) and Foot and mouth disease from entering Denmark.



# FMD – expert group activated

- **Expert group (9 pers.):** Participants from
  - FVST
  - UCPH - epidemiology
  - SSI – virology, surveillance
  - Danish Agriculture & Food Council
  - SEGES, cattle
  - DDD, swine & cattle
- **Additional guests (8 pers.):**
  - CPH ZOO
  - Danish Agricultural Agency (SGAV)
  - Aarhus University (AU)
  - Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI)



# FMD – Brandenburg, implications for other countries

Besvarelse vedr.

► HASTER: Truslen fra mund- og klovsygeudbruddet (MKS) i Brandenburg i Tyskland januar 2025

- Risk assessment from DK-VET: [link](#)

Pathway	Probability	Certainty
<b><u>Direct contacts via animals or products of animal origin:</u></b>		
Animal movements	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	High
Migrating wildlife	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	High
Semen etc	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	High
Meat or dairy products	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	High
<b><u>Indirect contacts:</u></b>		
Persons working with cloven-hoofed animals	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	Moderate
Hunters	Not likely (1-10%) to Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	Moderate
Hikers, walking with dogs, other type of leisure	As likely as not (33-66%)	Low
Animal trucks	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	High
Milk transports	Not likley (1-10%) to Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	Low
Other trucks, Biogas mv. – inclusive “drive-through” in risk areas		
Crops, feed, bedding	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	Low
<b><u>Airborne spread</u></b>	Very unlikely (0,1-1%)	Moderate



# FMD – Brandenburg, implications for other countries

- **Trusselsvurdering from FVST: [link](#)**
- **Overall risk: Low**
- **Recommendations:**
  - Hunting – equipment
  - Leisure – equipment
  - Biosecurity – incl. 48 hours quarantine after contact to cloven-hoofed animals
  - Awareness on similar clinical signs for BTV and FMD



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Trusselsniveau for introduktion af mund- og klovesyge (MKS) til Danmark som følge af MKS-situationen i Tyskland pr. 15. januar 2025.

Der er konstateret det første udbrud i EU i mange år af mund- og klovesyge (MKS) i en besætning med 14 vandbøfler i Tyskland beliggende i Brandenburg, Landkreis Märkisch-Oderland. Udbruddet er lokaliseret ca. 250 km væk fra dansk territorium i direkte linje og ca. 380 km fra den dansk-tyske grænse.

De tyske veterinærmyndigheder har oprettet en beskyttelseszone med en radius på tre km og en overvågningszone med en radius på ti km omkring den ramte besætning. De epidemiologiske undersøgelser for at klarlægge sygdommens oprindelse og identificere mulige kontaktbesætninger pågår.

# Conclusions

- **For now 1 outbreak!**
  - Keep fingers crossed! At least for another week or two.
  - Is 1 FMD-pos farm realistic?
    - From modelling, we do get outputs with no spread from the first infected farm
  - Does this mean we can relax?
    - **NO!**
    - **FMD is a RISK** – this has not changed over the years!
    - **Farmers and vets should keep reporting suspicions** whenever relevant



## Interested in more?

- EU-FMD **webinars**
  - Different aspects of FMD preparedness
  - 7 weeks
  - Tuesdays from 12-13



# FMD – Brandenburg, implications for other countries

- NL
  - 3754 calves imported from Brandenburg >1.Deember, 2024
  - 888 PCR tested, all neg.
  - 2866 ELISA-tested
    - 2837 ELISA-neg.
    - 29 ELISA-pos.
      - 12 VNT-neg.
      - 17...waiting...





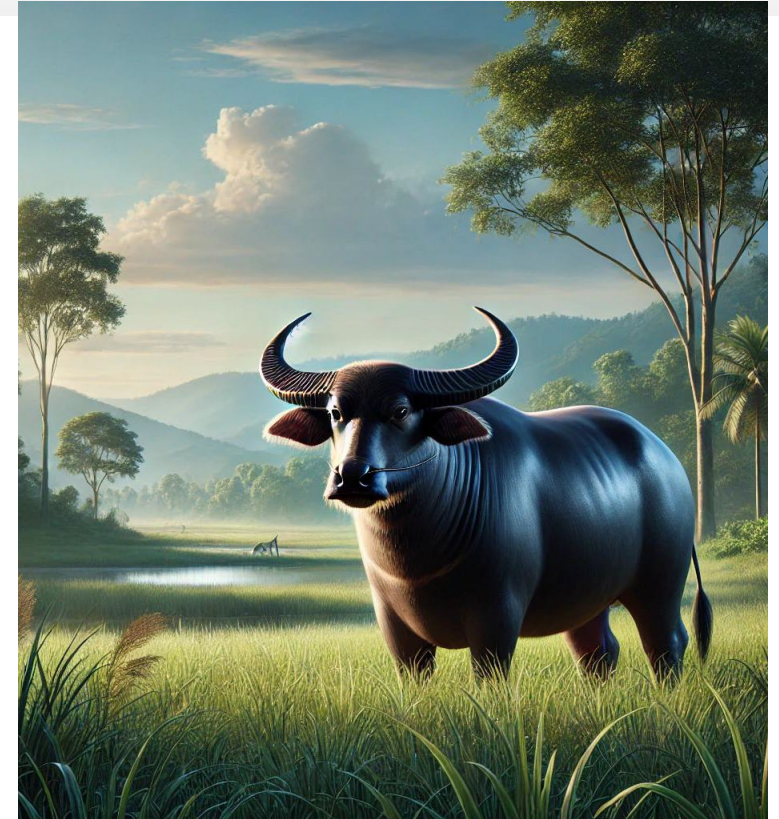
# Water buffalo in Denmark?

- 95 buffaloes registered in Oct, 2024
- 15 farms
- Is it important whether we have buffaloes?
- **NO**
  - FMD is not much different in buffaloes compared to cattle
  - Important to be aware of these "different" farm types
  - **Other types of risks**
  - **Different management**



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- Information from ADIS:
- **Water buffaloes** (Domestic), 14 animals, 3 cases
- **Suspicion:** 9/1-2025
- **Confirmation:** 10/1-2025
- **Origin of infection:** Unknown
- **Control measures applied:**
  - Official destruction of animal products, Screening, Stamping out, Traceability, Disinfection, Control of wildlife reservoirs, Movement control, Official disposal of carcasses, by-products and waste, Zoning, Surveillance outside the restricted zone, Surveillance within the restricted zone
- **Diagnostic tests:** Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR)



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