

**Active Observational Surveillance (AOS) for
Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)**
Examination Checklist



If one or more animals has abnormal findings, they should be looked at more closely by the producer and/or the herd veterinarian. Some of the clinical signs observed with FMD are expected to occur with a certain frequency in a dairy operation due to a variety of causes other than FMD. However, early recognition of an FMD concern is important to the health of the cattle on your dairy and neighboring operations.

- Temperature – check for fever (103 – 106°F)**
- Eyes – look for dullness, sunken**
- Nose – look for discharge**
- Mouth – look for drooling or dropping food or lack of eating or drinking**
 - If seen, examine the tongue and cheeks for vesicles or erosions; smacking of lips and teeth grinding
- Feet – look for signs of lameness**
 - If seen, look between toes, around coronary band for changes (pale white, redness, or vesicles/blisters)
- Abdomen – look for gut fill (not eating)**
- Udder – look for decreased udder fill (decreased production) or signs of mastitis**
 - If seen, look for vesicles/blisters on the teats