

BLUETONGUE

SPECIES AFFECTED:

Ruminants

DESCRIPTION:

Bluetongue is an insect-borne viral disease of ruminants. Among domestic animals, clinical disease occurs most often in sheep, and can result in significant morbidity. Affected sheep may have erosions and ulcerations on the mucous membranes, dyspnea, or lameness from muscle necrosis and inflammation of the coronary band. Some sheep may slough their hooves, and surviving animals can lose part or all of their wool. Some strains of the virus can result in mortality rates as high as 70% in highly susceptible sheep.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Bluetongue is a mandatory reportable disease in Oregon.