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Two Cases Of Blue Tongue Disease in Cows Confirmed in France

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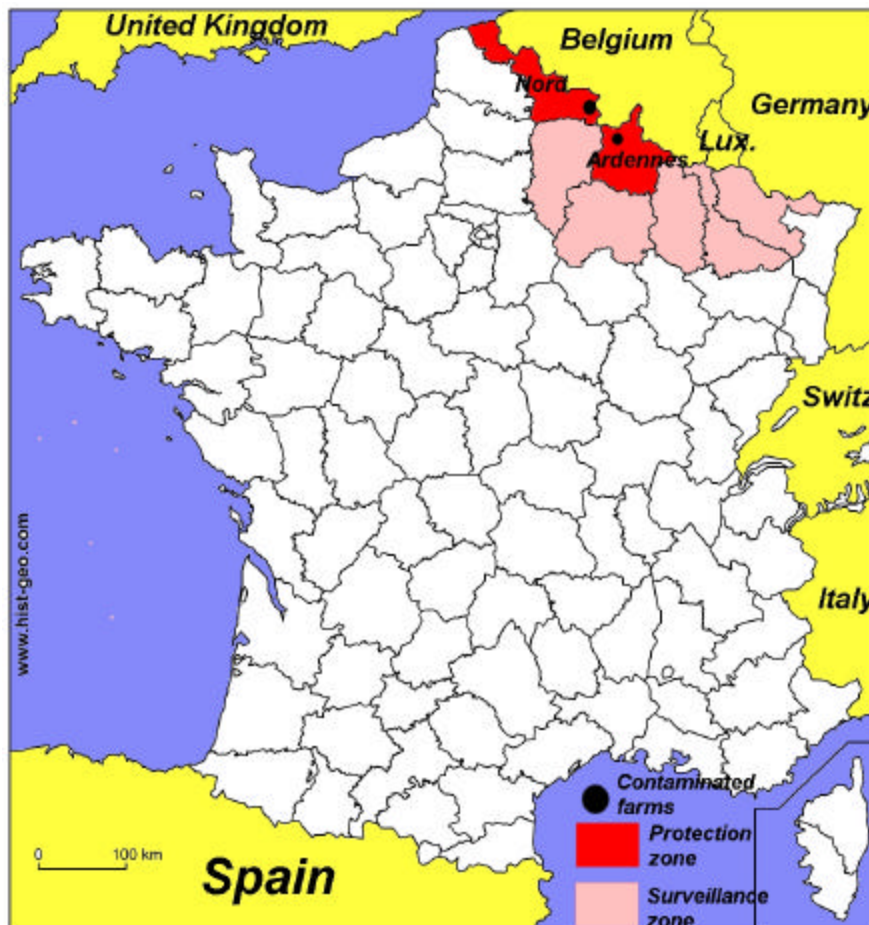
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Report Highlights:

The French Ministry of Agriculture has confirmed that two cases of Blue Tongue disease have been found in two dairy cows in Northern France, very close to Belgium. The outbreak of BT in Belgium had led France to strengthen its surveillance of animals in regions close to the border. The Ministry has established two zones of protection and extensive surveillance. Movements of ruminant animals, embryos and sperm in these zones are either restricted or monitored.

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The French Ministry of Agriculture confirmed on August 31 that two cases of Blue Tongue disease (ovine catharal fever) have been found in two different dairy cows in two farms in Northern France, very close to the Belgian border. While in one case, the cow was slightly sick; the other one did not show any symptoms. The recent outbreak of BTB in Belgium had led France to strengthen its surveillance of animals in regions close to Belgium. The Ministry established a zone of protection (in a 100km radius of the two farms) and a zone of extensive surveillance (in a 150 km radius from the farms). Movements of ruminant animals, embryos and sperm in these zones are either restricted or monitored. To prevent possible consumer overreaction, which could impact the beef and/or dairy sector, the Ministry has also communicated on the innocuousness of this disease for humans.



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