

# *VS Season Upon Us*

The season for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) is upon us. **There have been no reported cases in the US this year.** However, we live in an area where this disease has often been seen in past years. It is impossible to clinically distinguish VS from Foot and Mouth Disease in cattle, sheep, or swine, and it is terribly important that any suspect cases are thoroughly investigated to determine the cause.

## **Clinical signs of VS and other vesicular diseases include:**

- \*Excessive salivation
- \*Blanched raised or broken vesicles of various sizes in the mouth:
- \*Lesions involving feet are sometimes seen
- \*Teat lesions occur in dairy herds
- \*Recovery in around 2 weeks
- \*Complication: loss of production and mastitis in dairy herds due to secondary infections,

Additional information can be obtained online at:

<http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/pbs/zoonoses/vsv/vsvindex.html>

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ep/fad\\_training/VESVOL7/page02\\_7.htm](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ep/fad_training/VESVOL7/page02_7.htm)