

Farm, zoo quarantined in southern England

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LONDON -- British health officials have quarantined a farm in Kent, 80 miles from the center of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, and a petting zoo in Surrey. The disease had not been confirmed Tuesday at the Honeychild Manor Farm in Rotherham or at the Chessington Zoo, which is part of the World of Adventures Theme Park, The Independent reported. At the farm, Stephen Furnival, who has a herd of 250 dairy cattle, reported three were sick. The zoo decided to examine all its hooved animals and found one sheep with symptoms of disease. The outbreak is believed to have started at a research lab in Surrey. Environment Secretary Hilary Benn said cordoning off of the farm and zoo showed farmers and other owners of livestock are reporting disease when they discover animals with symptoms. Several years ago, thousands of animals were killed to try to contain an outbreak of the disease.

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