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Schmallenberg virus Belgium

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Approach in Belgium

- Systematic sampling in case of abortion in ruminants in the framework of brucellosis and bluetongue surveillance already in place (autopsy of foetus and tests for a number of pathogens)
- NRL acquired the RT-PCR developed by FLI in Germany
- Raised awareness among veterinarians and farmers

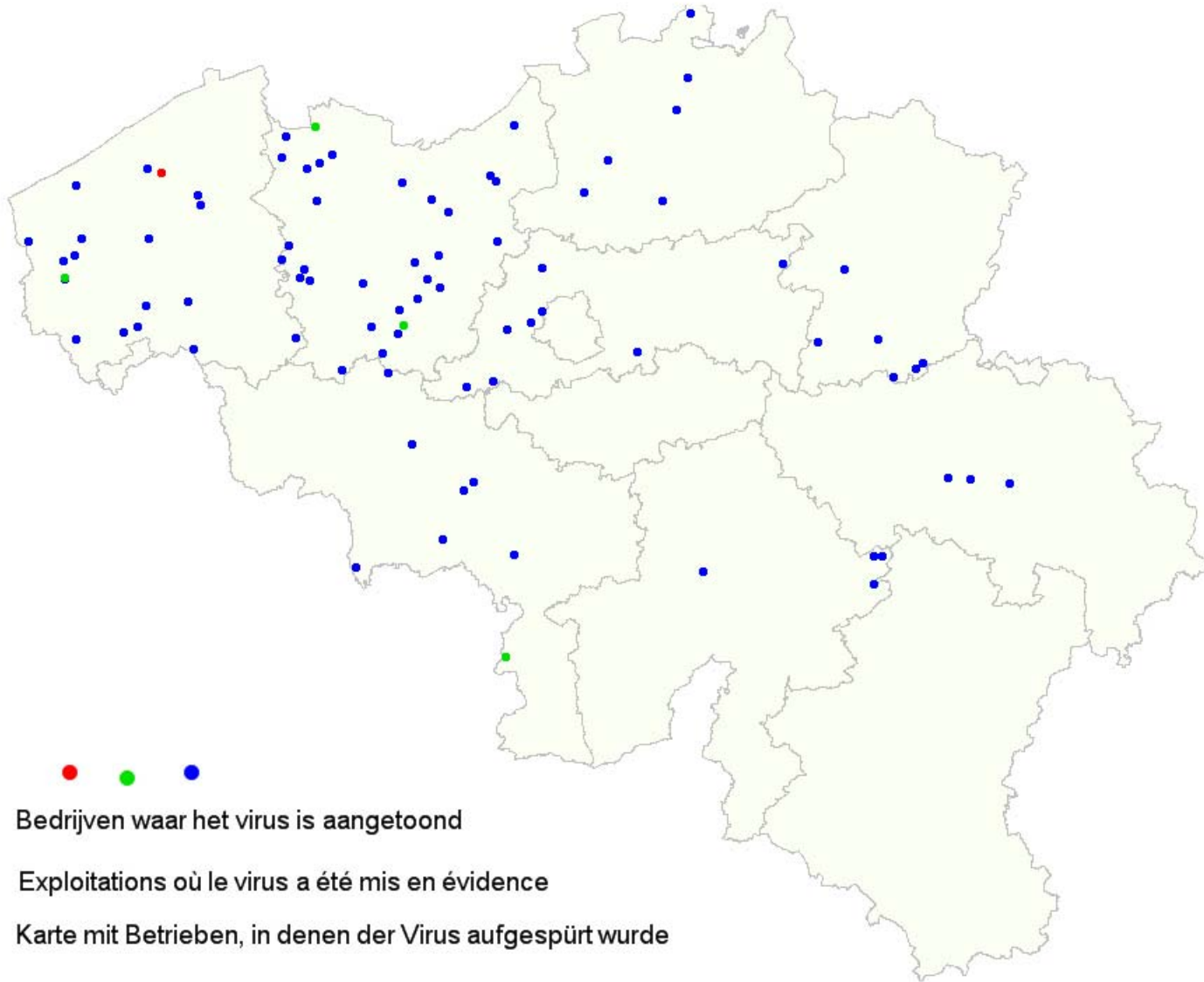


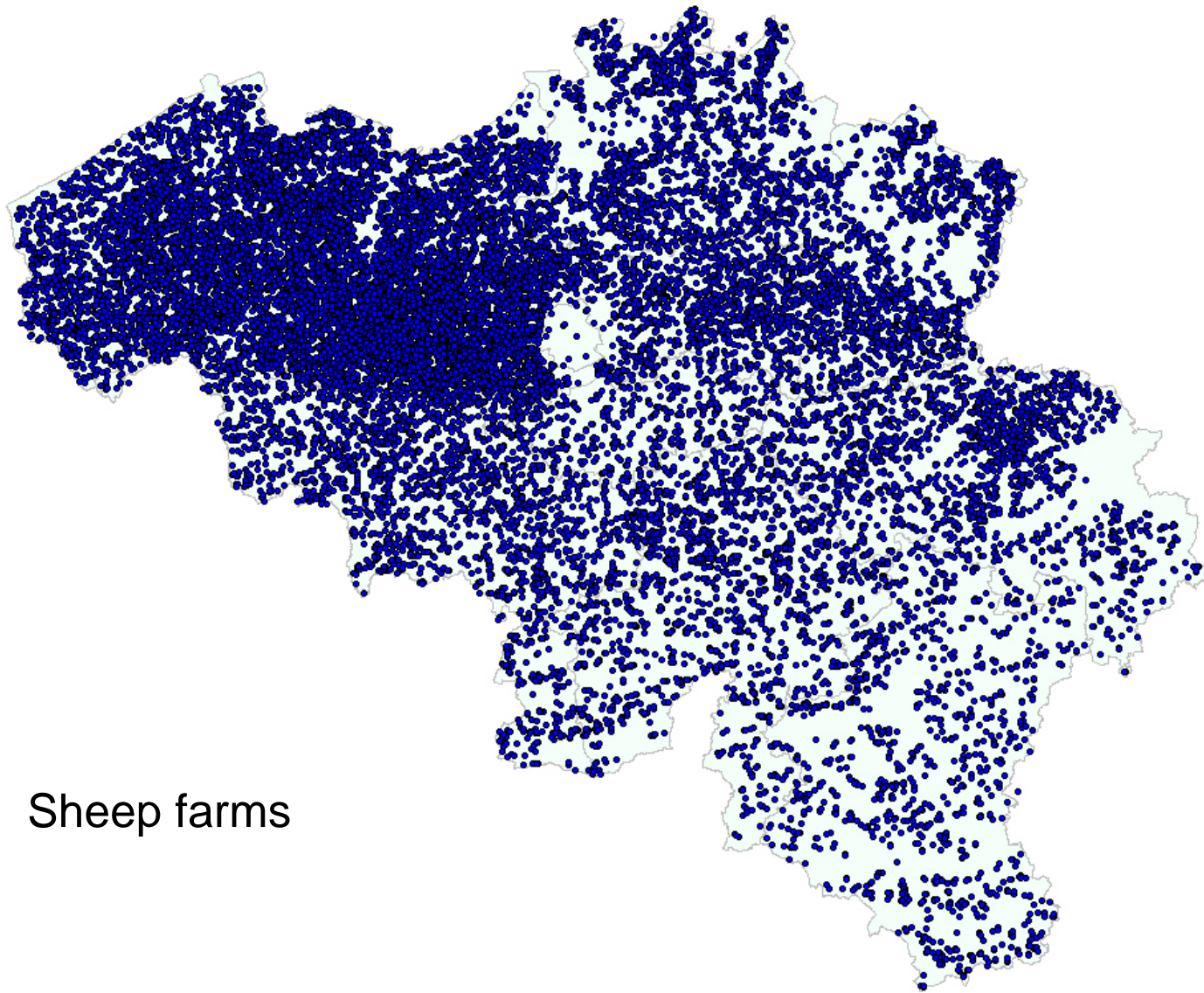
Results

	Number of tested farms	SV confirmed by PCR
Cattle	252	4
Sheep	124	83
Goat	7	1
Total	383	88

- Increased number of congenital malformations in lambs and calves observed







Sheep farms



Conclusions

- Schmallenberg virus confirmed in Belgium
- Mainly congenital malformations in sheep and cattle
- Surveillance continues



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Thank you for your attention

