




# Schmallenberg Virus detected in FRANCE

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# Background

- First cases in France on 25 January 2012 detected by the ANSES - Animal health laboratory, Maisons-Alfort
- RT-PCR developed by FLI in Germany



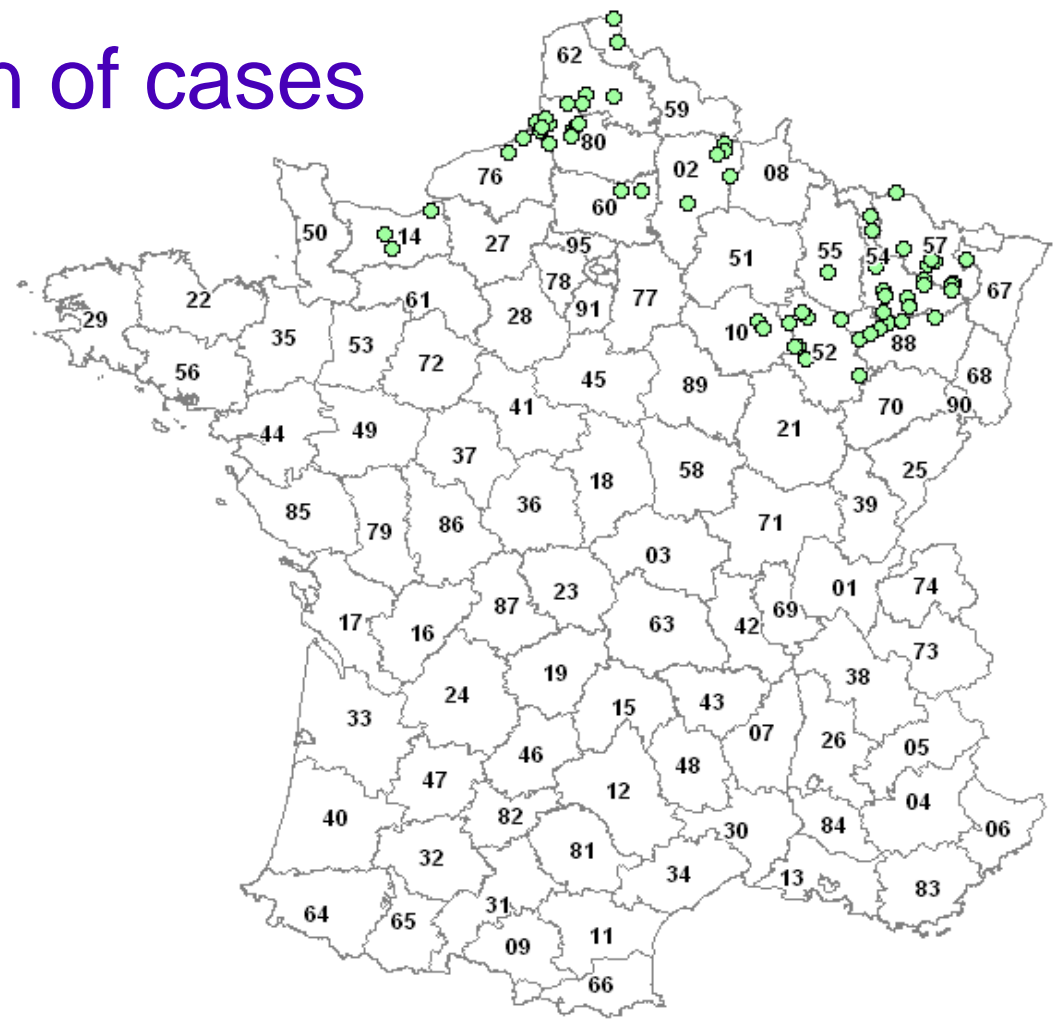
# Epidemiological situation in France

- 29 cases notified to OIE on 31 January 2012
- Current situation on 6 February 2012:

	Clinical suspicions	Confirmed by PCR	negatives
Sheep		66 (14 departments)	
Goat	> 230 (mainly on sheep)	0	153
Cattle		0	



# Distribution of cases



Carte : Localisation des exploitations atteintes de SBV  
au 6 février 2012 ( 66 )



# Action plan before detection

- December 2011:
  - Information to local authorities
  - ANSES asked for a scientific advice
- January 2012:
  - Instruction to local authorities for clinical surveillance (epidemiological « platform »)
  - Information sent to stakeholders (breeders, veterinarians ...) and to French embassies
  - Cases notified to competent authorities (local and central level)
- February 2012:
  - Press release from the French minister of agriculture
  - Notification to the European Commission and OIE



## Research

- The « French network on animal health » (RFSA) closely associated to the ministry of agriculture to determine the priorities in terms of research
- Priorities:
  - Serological diagnosis
  - Epidemiology
  - Pathophysiology
  - Vaccine
  - Vectors



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