





# TÜRKİYE CUMHURİYETİ TARIM VE ORMAN BAKANLIĞI

# Report From Türkiye on PPR

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#### Introduction

- Small ruminant farming has an important role in Turkish agriculture, there are around 42 million sheep and 10 million goats in the whole the country.
- PPR is endemic in the Anatolian part of Türkiye and the disease has been included in the list of notifiable diseases since 1997.
- PPR related regulations have been published in line with EU and WOAH rules.
- Since PPR is a notifiable animal disease, a robust passive surveillance was in place in Türkiye.
- In addition, a well-designed serological surveillance was conducted annualy.
- Our vaccination policy included the vaccination of all newborn SRs and ring vaccination in Anatolia
- The vaccination was ceased in the Thrace region in 2021.





# PPR outbreaks and vaccination in the last years

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No. of outbreaks confirmed	109	53	44	0	3	13
Annual mass vaccination	13.902.039	13.202.072	12.199.060	18.863.603	15.612.549	21.498.200
Coverage rate (%)	89.04 %	90.58 %	107.63 %	96.98 %	94.71 %	70.88 %







# PPR Outbreaks in September 2024









### **PPR Pmat Status**



Anatolia has the stage 2 status and Thrace has the stage 4 status.







#### **Animal movements**

- All small ruminants have to be individually identified by ear tags and registered in a central database, known as TURKVET.
- Animal holdings and movements of animals are also recorded and monitored using TURKVET.
- There is integration of the animal identification database and the system recording information on vaccination, disease notification, analysis and reporting of suspected disease cases (VETBIS).
- With regard to the transportation of SR between provinces, ear tagging of animals and to be accompanied by a veterinary health report is mandatory.
- In SR animal shipments between provinces in Anatolia, animals must have been vaccinated once in their lifetime and are allowed to be shipped at least 21 days after vaccination. Before and after shipment, the vehicles are cleaned and disinfected under official supervision and a document is issued.
- Animal movements are controlled on the road by the veterinary inspection points.





### Serosurveys and Clinical Surveys

Post Vaccination Monitoring and baseline seromonitoring (95% confidence interval)

#### **Anatolia**

We collected serum samples from SRs aged 3 to 12 months.

About 3600 SR 2021:73%

2022: 74%

2023: 75,6%

#### **Thrace**

After the vaccination ceased in 2022 and 2023:

We collected serum samples from animals aged 3 to 12 months.

About 1000 SR No seropositivity

400-500 Cattle

- Wild life surveillance in two provinces of Türkiye (Afyon and Konya randomly choosen mouffloons) in 2021,2022, 2023 and 2024. No seropositivity found.
- After the outbreaks in Greece and Romania, we conducted a clinical surveillance in Thrace immediately, and any suspicion regarding the disease was not found.







## Trainings and Simulation Exercises

- The Veterinary Service are organising trainings on animal disease control programmes including PPR
- Simulation exercises on the occurrence of PPR were organised regularly in Thrace, with the more recent ones in Istanbul in November 2022, Adana and Çanakkale in September 2023, Kırklareli in April, Sivas in May 2024.
- Additionally, Provincial Directorates are provided trainings to official and private vets, animal markets staff, animal breeders, butchers, transporters, sellers, and law enforcement officers.
- Several awareness campaigns had been initiated in recent years to strengthen passive surveillance and increase farmers' awareness on PPR, using radio and TV spots as well as posters, and brochures on PPR clinical signs and lesions distributed to villages in all 81 provinces of the country.





## Achievements and Challanges

- Outbreaks has been decreased
- Newborn and risk based vaccination programs has been succesfully conducted

- Difficult to achieve animals in highlands during the pastueral season
- Male SR's are not vaccinated if plan to slaughter
- Compulsory stamping out has not taken effect yet







#### Eradication Plan for PPR in Thrace and Anatolia

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	PPR Vaccination										
	Serological Monitoring						10		£17.		
Thrace	Clinical surveillance and outbreak investigation										
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	WOAH free status					9					
	Culling-destruction										
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