

Contagious Ecthyma (Orf)

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Contagious ecthyma, also known as orf or soremouth, is a zoonotic disease of sheep and goats that causes acute **pustular lesions**, particularly in young animals, although all ages are susceptible. It is caused by a poxvirus in the pseudocowpox family (related to bovine papular stomatitis). These PowerLinks are several brief reviews that cover the salient features of the disease and include some good images.

Contagious Ecthyma PowerLinks

Alabama A & M and Auburn Universities

<http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/U/UNP-0063/UNP-0063.pdf>

This is the best organized link on the page and covers the “need to know” material quite well.

Newfoundland and Labrador Orf Fact Sheet

http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/agric/animal_diseases/domestic/pdf/orf04.pdf

Apparently, orf is very common in Newfoundland. The review sheet from their department of natural resources provides a quick review.

University of Maryland

<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/articles/soremouth.html>

This is the link with the best images. It is also a good, well-organized review.

Iowa State University, Orf Fact Sheet

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM829X1.pdf>

Another 1-page fact sheet; an easy read and once again, covers what you need to know.