

## NADIS- Disease Alert: Farm



Wooden tongue and Lumpy jaw are both sporadic causes of mouth problems in cattle which may be associated with feeding stinky hay.

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#### Wooden tongue and lumpy jaw

##### Aetiology

- Sporadic bacterial mouth problems
- Wooden tongue
  - *Actinobacillus lingieresii*
- Lumpy jaw
  - *Actinomyces bovis*
- Gain entry through small wounds



##### Signs

- Difficulty eating
- Wooden tongue
  - Drooling, swelling under chin, rapid weight loss
- Lumpy jaw
  - Facial distortion
  - Draining fistulas

##### Prevention and Treatment

- Wooden tongue may respond to prompt antibiotic treatment
- Lumpy jaw carries guarded prognosis
- Spikey feeds should be avoided if possible

*Local farm conditions may change, consult your vet.  
Effective worm control should be part of your veterinary health plan.*

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