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UKVDL is confirming bloat cases roughly 20 days earlier than in past years. From January 1, 2012 till April 3rd UKVDL has confirmed 7 cases. Frothy bloat is a common cause of acute death in cattle and can occur within hours of being placed on bloat-producing pasture. Feeding hay up to 1/3 or more of the total diet is helpful. The only sure preventive measure is to treat with anti-foaming agents (polaxolent, vegetable oils). Below, see a map identifying practices with bloat cases confirmed by UKVDL all the way back to 2006. Please ask your clients to be vigilant for bloat this spring!

We apologize for the map missing in yesterday’s bulletin. It is also attached in powerpoint format.

*Note- if bar is flat, no cases (0) have been reported.

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