

Prevention is better than cure.....

Footvax is a vaccine (preventative) for foot rot, which is currently unavailable in Canada. However, veterinarians can obtain Footvax for a specific producer, by requesting importation of the product through CFIA. Veterinarians are not able to hold stock of this vaccine, and each request is considered independently.

The procedures for obtaining Footvax are:

1. Contact your veterinarian
2. Have veterinarian check the availability of the vaccine with the marketing manager, Paul Ray, at Schering-Plough Animal Health 1-800 605-2584 ext 7486. They will then send out an information package, which must be followed exactly, in order to import the vaccine.

Information about importing this and other vaccines is available on the CFIA website <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/vetbio/fore.shtml>. There is a cost associated with application, and there can be delays in receiving the vaccine, so ensure that your veterinarian requests Footvax before your entire flock is affected.