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BULGARIA

AGRICULTURE  
Breeding

Hoof And Mouth Disease.

SOURCE ATHENS: A Bulgarian refugee who escaped to Greece on 15 January 1952.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: January 1952

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Hoof and mouth disease is reported epidemic among Bulgarian cattle and is said to have spread to the human population as well. For propaganda reasons the Communist authorities are alleging that the epidemic spread to Bulgaria from Greece.

EVAL. COMMENT: During the last two years, frontier regions where escapees used to cross, as well as the regions where partisan groups operated, were declared as zones harboring hoof and mouth disease; therefore a confirmation of the above report is needed.