**Anthrax Myths & Facts**

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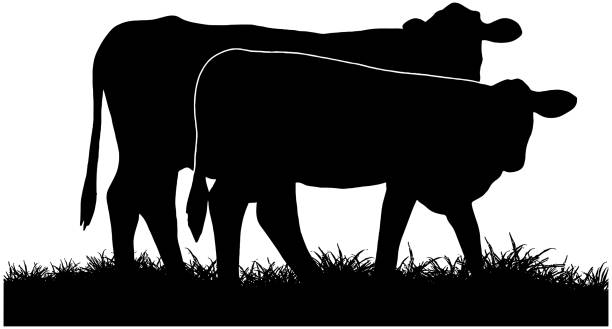
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**Myth: Anthrax only affects humans.**

**Fact**: Anthrax can affect a variety of animals, including cattle. Anthrax is most associated with herbivorous animals such as cattle, sheep, and goats.

**Myth: Anthrax is highly contagious between cattle.**

**Fact**: Anthrax is primarily spread through spores from the bacterium, *Bacillus anthracis*, which can survive for long periods in soil. While it can spread within a herd, if animals encounter contaminated soil or feed, it's not as highly contagious as some other diseases like foot-and- mouth disease.

**Myth: Vaccination is not effective against anthrax in cattle.**

**Fact:** Vaccination is an effective way to prevent anthrax in cattle. Vaccinating cattle in endemic areas or before potential exposure can significantly reduce the risk of infection.

**Myth: Humans can contract anthrax from consuming meat or milk from infected cattle.**

**Fact**: While it's theoretically possible for humans to contract anthrax from consuming contaminated meat or milk, thorough cooking of meat and pasteurization of milk kill the anthrax bacteria.

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