

Fasciolosis

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Abstract

Fasciolosis is a disease caused by a trematode of the genera *Fasciola*, usually *Fasciola hepatica* or *Fasciola gigantica*, which affects animals and man.

F. hepatica is predominant, vastly distributed in all continents, whereas *F. gigantica* is confined to the tropics.

This disease commonly affects the liver of the definitive host (usually ruminants and man), specially targeting the bile ducts, resulting in lesions like hypertrophy and calcification of the later.

Because of the costs associated with this disease, as prevention, treatment, production and slaughterhouse losses, Fasciolosis has socio-economically devastating effects.