

Protect your livestock

Cyanobacteria are natural bacteria found in fresh water everywhere. Sometimes they multiply into blooms and produce toxins harmful to livestock and wildlife. Blooms can be green, blue-green or reddish-brown. They often look like small clumps, scummy or paint-like.

You can't tell by looking if a bloom has toxins.

If animals get into a bloom, don't let them lick their hide. If possible, wash them with clean water.

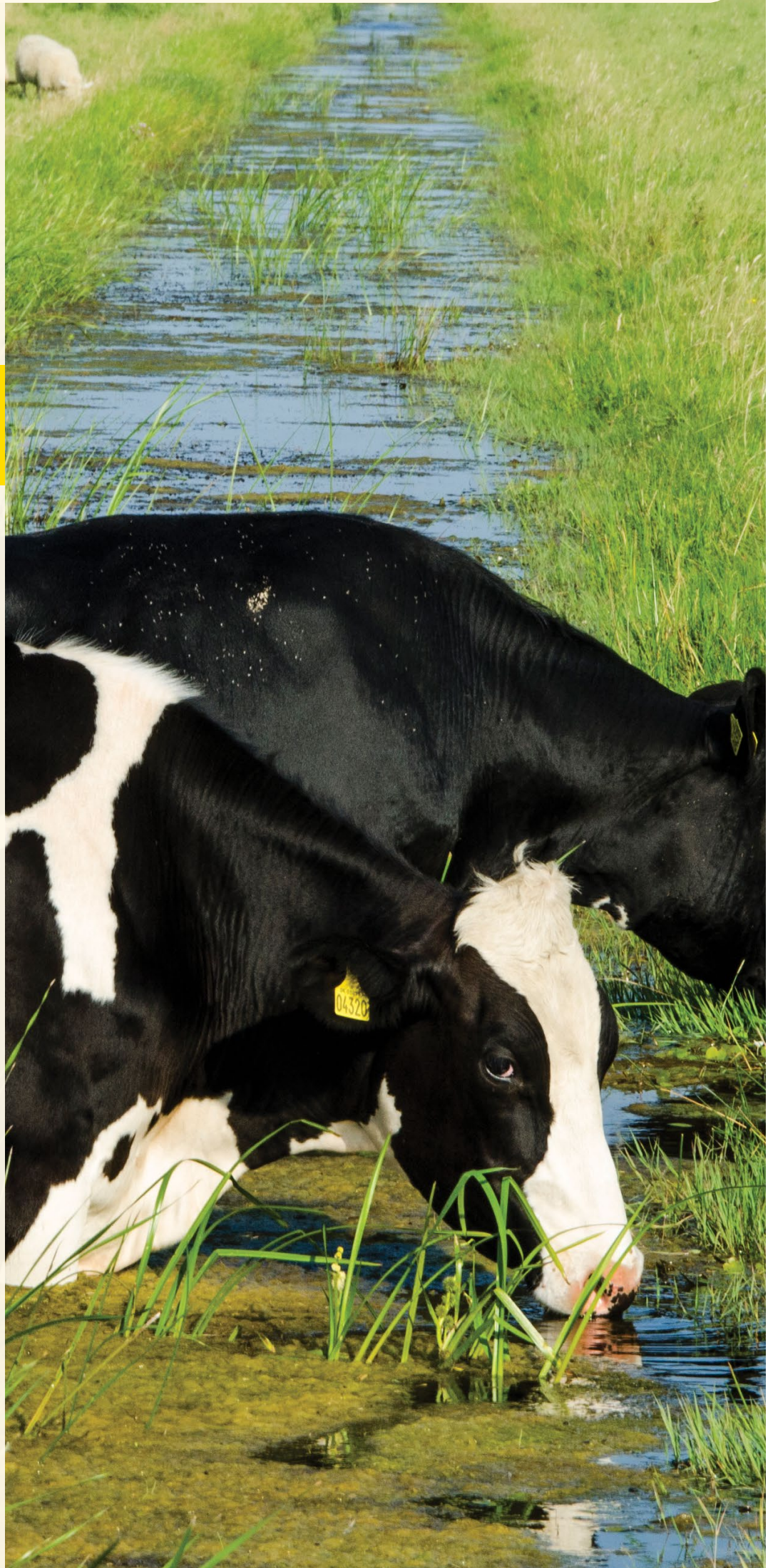
Don't let livestock graze near, drink from or get into water affected by a bloom!

Seek veterinary help if animals show these symptoms:

- Lack of energy
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Stumbling
- Foaming at the mouth, or
- Excessive drooling.

Safety tips

- Know what cyanobacteria blooms look like.
- Keep pets and livestock away.
- Seek veterinary help at the first sign of symptoms or distress.



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