**Causative Agent:** *Toxoplasma gondii* protozoa parasite

**Mode of Transmission:** Ingestion of undercooked meat; fecal-oral transmission from cats on farm

**Incubation Period:** Human: 5-23 days

Animal: Suspect similar to humans

 **Clinical Signs Human:** Infection is common but clinical illness is low; flu-like symptoms: fever; headache; weakness; also fetal death; congenital abnormalities; encephalitis; immunocompromised patients are at high risk

 **Clinical Signs Animal:** Most infections asymptomatic; abortions; stillbirths; fever; respiratory distress

**Control and Prevention:** Cook meat thoroughly; good personal hygiene; avoid contact with cat feces, esp. if pregnant

**Comments:** Person to person transmission has been observed.