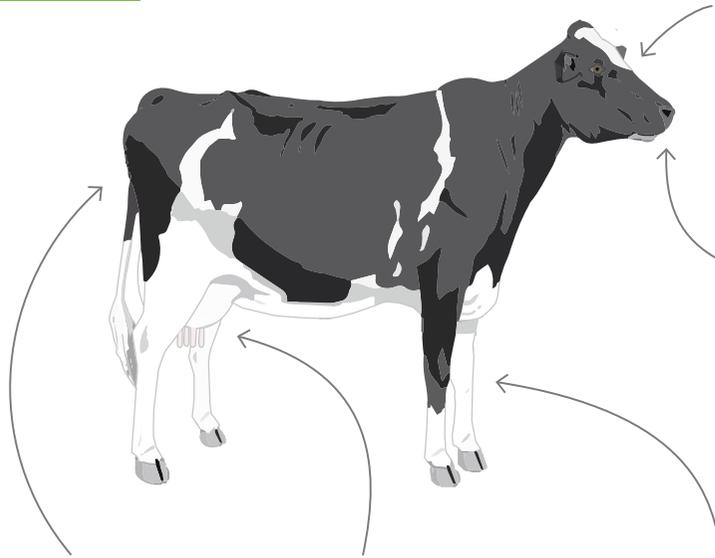


MYCOPLASMA BOVIS – what to look out for

Mycoplasma bovis is an unwanted organism in NZ. It is important for all farmers to contact their veterinarian and/or MPI if they see the following unusual signs in their herd.

- *M. bovis* is spread mainly by prolonged close contact between animals and feeding milk from infected cows to calves.
- Equipment used on animals must be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between farms.
- Don't wait if you have animals with suspicious signs, early intervention from a veterinarian is important.
- In some cases animals can be infected and show no signs of disease.

Cattle



Conjunctivitis

- Sticky eyes, white eyes



Pneumonia

- Hacking cough



Abortions

- Slips, early calves, small calves

Mastitis

- Swollen (rubbery quarters), involves multiple quarters
- Not painful or hot
- Non responsive to treatment
- Affected quarters will rapidly dry off

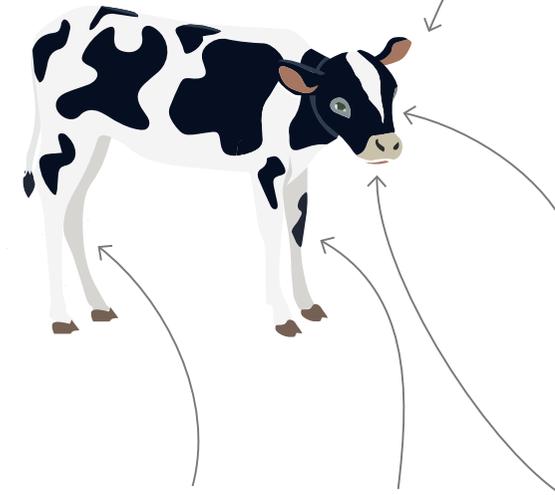


Lame cows with swollen legs/joints

- Painful and hot



Calves / young stock



Ear infections

- Droopy ear
- Ear discharge
- Head tilt



Conjunctivitis

- Sticky eyes, white eyes



Lame calves with swollen legs/joints

- Painful and hot



Fading calves

- Inflammation of the joints, and sometimes the brain



Pneumonia

- Hacking cough

