

Mycoplasma bovis Update

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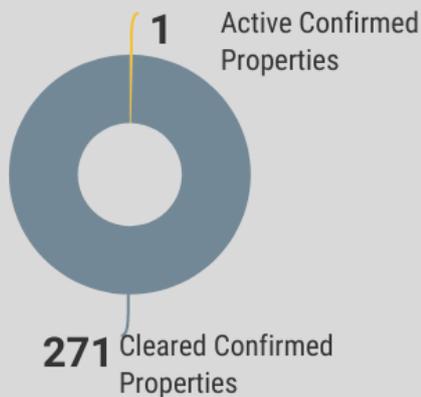
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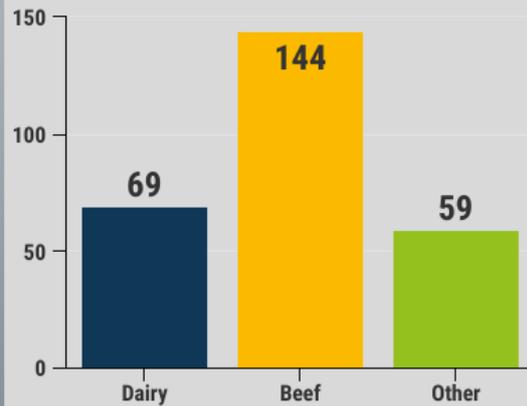
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272 total Confirmed Properties to date



Confirmed property type



6	Notice of Direction properties	↑ 4
46	Active Surveillance properties	—

Active Confirmed Properties	0	North Island	—
	1	South Island	—

Total Confirmed Properties	70	North Island	—
	202	South Island	—

What else has changed?

2,469	Properties with NOD revoked	↑ 2
176,325	Cattle have been culled	—
2,749,946	Tests completed	↑ 28,471

Compensation update

\$220.3 million	Paid in total	—
2,744	Claims paid and completed	↑ 2
10	Claims currently being progressed	—

Number changes from last update:

- There are no new Active Confirmed Properties
- There are no new Cleared Confirmed Properties

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Work with your vet to identify and mitigate risks

We are on track to eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis* (M. bovis), but there is still work to be done as we aim to move from delimiting (controlling the last known pockets of the disease) to provisional absence. Talk with your veterinarians to learn more about the risks associated with M. bovis and what steps you can take to mitigate those risks. Good practices can be incorporated into biosecurity plans and animal health plans.

Moving Day

With Moving Day just around the corner, we would like to remind farmers of the useful resources [DairyNZ](#) has to help you on the run up, take a read [here](#).

Reduce the risk of M. bovis

The greatest risk of infection is the introduction of cattle to your herd or contact between your cattle and cattle belonging to other owners. Feeding infected milk or colostrum to calves can also introduce infection to your herd.

DairyNZ has put together a checklist which you can read on their website [here](#), this

checklist covers planning for the movement of cattle, what to do the day prior and day of transport, tracking, paperwork and tips and tricks.

Minimising impacts on farmers and animals is a priority and extra support will be available over this time.

Keep NAIT updated

A friendly reminder to record animal movements in [NAIT](#) when moving herds or properties. Being able to trace infected animals fast means we can stop disease spreading to other herds and farms.

If you need help to set up a new NAIT location number or to record animal movements, you can contact [OSPRI](#) on 0800 48 24 63.

We wish everyone the best this Moving Day and we hope everything runs smoothly.

Question from the field

This is a new section in the update where we answer some of the questions that our Farm Systems Managers and others in the Programme have received.

I have obvious errors with my NAIT account, such as there are fewer animals on my property than there are NAIT-registered animals?

It is the Person in Charge of Animals' (PICA's) responsibility to ensure their NAIT records are kept up to date. Refer to section 33(b) (NAIT Act 2012).

To assist with this, a stocktake should be conducted in the first instance and repeated annually.

The stocktake process involves scanning all NAIT tags/animals at your location and reconciling them against your registered animals list in NAIT.

To complete a stocktake the following steps should be conducted:

1. Scan/record the NAIT device (tag) numbers of all the NAIT animals at your location.

2. Reconcile this with the list of registered animals which is found in your NAIT account.
3. Identify any tag numbers that are showing on the registered animals list that were not physically identified on farm and declare these as 'missing' on your NAIT account.
4. Next identify the remaining animals (if any) that were physically identified on farm but whose tag numbers are not displayed on the registered animals list.
5. These animals will need to be registered to your NAIT location. Identify if they are animals that were (a) born on farm and have not been registered or (b) if they are animals not born on farm but have moved to your location without a movement declaration being completed in the NAIT system.
6. For the (a) animals, complete the registration of these in your NAIT account.
7. For the (b) animals, declare the movement(s) of these animals. (You will be able to refer to your ASD forms for movement dates and the sending NAIT location number).
8. In any instance you can contact OSPRI for help with this by calling the contact centre on 0800 482 463 or via email info@ospri.co.nz

Post the stocktake:

- Ensure that any deaths or loss of NAIT animals during the year are declared to NAIT within 48 hours of being aware of the event.
- Ensure all movements of NAIT animals are recorded in your NAIT account within 48 hours of the movement occurring (both sending/receiving).
- Ensure all NAIT animals born on your property are tagged by the age of 180 days and registered with NAIT within 7 days of the tag being fitted, or before they move off farm (whichever occurs first).

Failure to comply with one or more of the above could result in infringement fines or prosecution. Refer to section 24 (NAIT Act) for a list of PICA key obligations.

***Mycoplasma bovis* Science Conference videos now available online**

In 2018, the Government, DairyNZ, and Beef + Lamb New Zealand invested in a programme of research projects to better understand the cattle disease *Mycoplasma bovis* and inform the eradication programme for the disease.

The outcomes of these projects were shared in a two-day virtual conference in November 2021. Themes covered include entry pathways, diagnostics, epidemiology, and farmer experiences.

Many of the conference presentations are now available [online](#).

Reminder: DairyNZ Drying off resources

DairyNZ has information and technical resources available to help prevent and treat mastitis when drying off. [Visit DairyNZ](#).

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Latest information on *Mycoplasma bovis* and the Eradication Programme - [M. bovis](#) website

General questions on *M. bovis* - call 0800 008 333 or email Mbovis_Liaison@mpi.govt.nz

Compensation information - call 0800 008 333 or email compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz

Direct farmer support (Rural Support Trust) - 0800 787 254

To report a pest or disease (Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline) - 0800 80 99 66

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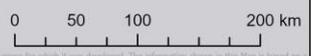
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- Active Confirmed Properties
- Active Properties under S122 Movement Notice of Direction



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