



Repopulation

Mycoplasma bovis Programme

Can I claim compensation for costs?

You may be eligible for payment of compensation if the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has exercised powers under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) as a part of the *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) Programme and these powers have caused you to incur a verifiable loss.

This may have been caused by the price for replacement stock increasing between the date your stock were culled and the date you were able to restock the farm. i.e. when MPI signed-off your decontamination plan and/or you were able to buy equivalent replacement stock. NOTE: This should be completed within a 'reasonable' timeframe to minimise or avoid your ongoing production loss.

Compensation for higher repopulation costs may be paid if you can confirm the following:

- MPI issued me with a Notice of Direction to cull my stock.
- My stock were culled as a result.
- I received a signed-off decontamination plan.
- I have purchased replacement stock.
- I could not find reasonably equivalent replacement stock, with similar Production Worth (PW) and Breeding Worth (BW) genetics, breed at the same price.
- I had to pay more to buy replacement stock to repopulate my farm.

Who can claim and who is paid compensation?

To be a claimant you must be a person or business who is the legal owner of the property or goods that were destroyed or damaged, or goods that were affected by movement restrictions as a direct result of an exercise of powers authorised by MPI.

How do I claim compensation?

You'll need to complete and submit a Repopulation claim form. This claim form is available either from your Farm Systems Manager (FSM), the MPI webpage or by contacting the Compensation Co-ordinator. We will be happy to email a copy to you.

Once you have completed the claim form, you can email a copy along with your supporting information or send it in via post/courier to MPI's compensation team.

You will find the list of relevant documentation needed to support your claim in Part 3 on the claim form.

When can I make a claim?

You can claim compensation from the date the loss was incurred, or within ONE YEAR from the date that verifies your loss. (MPI will only accept late claims in exceptional circumstances.)

How long will it take before I get paid?

MPI aims to process your claim and issue decision letters (accept or decline) as quickly as possible once it has received your completed claim form and all supporting documentation. The average claim process is 20-25 working days. If all information is present and correct, then most claims can be assessed promptly.

Can I make more than one claim?

You'll need to make a separate claim for each of the different types of losses you have incurred. Doing this will allow MPI to assess each loss as they occur and make prompt payment. All claims should be submitted to MPI within ONE YEAR from the date of loss. If you incur further losses after being paid compensation, you may still make another claim.

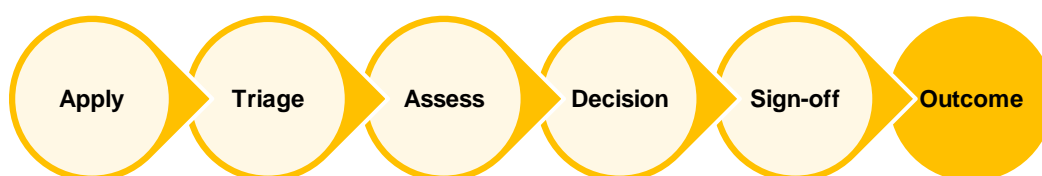
How will MPI assess these claims?

MPI will compare the characteristics and value of the replacement stock (PW, BW, age, breed and genetics) with the stock that were destroyed under the MPI's exercise of powers.

We will look at whether there were powers exercised that delayed the restocking of the farm, and what stock was available at the time the farm was available for repopulation.

As part of this process, MPI may seek the views of an independent valuer who can provide advice to the circumstances.

Process



In some instances, MPI may need to contact you for further information either before an assessment can commence (the triage stage) or during the assessment process.


Next steps - checklist

- Completed Repopulation claim form
- Signed the Declaration
- Attached supporting documentation

Contact and Information

For general information or to send your claim form please contact the Compensation Co-ordinator:



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 www.mbovis.govt.nz
 Ministry for Primary Industries
Attention: Compensation Co-ordinator
PO Box 2526
Wellington 6140

 Ministry for Primary Industries
Attention: Compensation Co-ordinator
Charles Fergusson Building
34-38 Bowen Street
Wellington 6011

Note: MPI is unable to provide legal or business advice to claimants.

For help with preparing your claim, contact:

DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb New Zealand
Compensation Assistance Team (DBCAT). This is a free service for affected farmers.

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 admin@dbcats.co.nz