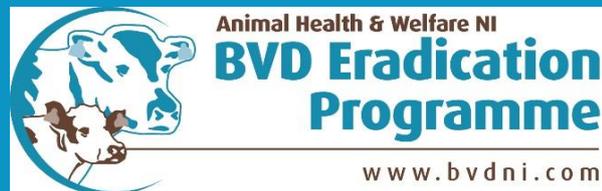


## EU Exceptional Adjustment Aid (EAA) scheme / removal of BVD positive animals



Please note that some farmers may be eligible for payment under the BVD incentivisation scheme, if they have been informed that they are in possession of an animal with a positive result to a test for the BVD virus. The scheme is being delivered in a partnership between DAERA, AHWNI and the LMC.

To be eligible for payment herd keepers must ensure that each animal meets the set criteria, which are described in the scheme guidance and application form (issued with positive letters and available on request from AHWNI).

Only animals which are humanely destroyed **on or after 1st February 2017** will be eligible for payment.

**To be eligible for payment herd keepers must ensure that each animal, meets the following criteria, i.e. that it had:**

- notification of its birth recorded on APHIS, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Cattle Identification (notification of Birth, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999;
- fully complied with the requirements of the BVD Eradication Scheme Order;
- tested positive for the presence of BVD virus;
- not been moved from the farm on which it was born;
- been humanely destroyed;
- its death recorded and confirmed on APHIS, in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, within **four weeks of the notification of a positive BVD test result**. An additional 2 weeks will be allowed where an applicant elects to undertake a second test (using a blood sample) on any animal with an initial positive test result.

Only animals which meet these requirements and which are humanely destroyed on or after 1st February 2017 will be eligible for payment.

Herd Keepers are responsible for ensuring the death of the animal is confirmed via APHIS-on-line or by an MC1 form submitted to DAERA. Herd Keepers should not assume that the death will be recorded by the disposal agent or rendering plant.

Payments will be managed by the LMC and any queries relating to payments should be directed to the LMC.

Application forms and guidance notes can be found on the AHWNI website ([www.animalhealthni.com](http://www.animalhealthni.com)).

It is expected that the scheme will run from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.