

BVD Eradication Programme

Show Guidance 2019



The NI BVD Programme is aiming to eradicate the BVD virus, which can be transmitted directly or indirectly (ie on clothing or equipment) between infected animals. Proper advice and biosecurity measures at Agricultural Shows can reduce the risk of transmission on Show premises. Prevalence of the virus in NI herds is falling, however BVD Persistently Infected animals are a risk to cattle with which they may come into contact.

Movement Controls

- For cattle born on or after 1st March 2016, only those animals with a BVDN status on APHIS (negative BVD test result) can be moved into a Show herd.
- For cattle born before 1st March 2016, animals with an APHIS status of BVDP (positive), BVDI (inconclusive), DAMPI (dam of a positive animal) or OFFPI (offspring of a positive animal) cannot be moved into a Show herd.
- For imported animals born on or after 1st March 2016 and resident in a NI herd, a BVDN status is required before the animal can be moved into a Show herd. Statuses can only be obtained where samples have been tested in laboratories approved under the NI scheme. AHWNI can attempt to obtain BVD statuses for animals that have been imported from the ROI, so owners of any such animals should contact AHWNI, allowing time for a test to be carried out should a BVD Negative result not be available. Legislation requires a valid BVD test to be completed within 20 days of the import date.
- Imported animals, not resident in a NI herd and moving directly to a Show, should be tested virus negative or should be the dam of a virus-negative calf. Show Operators may ask for evidence of the relevant virus-negative test result or proof that the animal concerned is the dam of a virus-negative calf.

In summary, only those animals with a BVD status of BVDN, INDNEG (indirect negative) or 'blank' (no BVD status on APHIS) can move into the Show Herd. Any animal with an APHIS status of BVDP, BVDI, DAMPI, OFFPI or BVDU (unknown) status cannot be moved into the Show herd.

Proof of BVD Negative status

Farmers can access the AHWNI database (www.animalhealthni.com), using their government gateway ID and password, for BVD test results and to print certificates of BVD negative test results. BVD statuses are also available on APHIS online and on APHIS herd lists.