BVD virus causes significant financial losses to farmers in NI and threatens exports.

Eradication programmes are already underway in the Republic of Ireland and Scotland.

The voluntary phase of an industry-led eradication programme begins in NI on 1st January 2013.

The identification and removal of persistently infected animals is key to eradication.

Participation will require testing of calves born in 2013, using tissue samples collected by the herd owner with modified official identity tags that are now available to order.

Participation in the voluntary phase will count towards one of the three anticipated years of tag testing of calves for each herd.

For more details visit www.bvdni.com or speak to your local vet.