

Appendix 1: Full Risk Assessment for BVD Virus Introduction in Beef herds

Name

Date

Address

Veterinarian

Herd Size

1 Purchase of cattle

i. Do you ever bring in cattle (e.g. grazing stock, cows, heifers, calves, bulls, freezer beasts)?

Yes

No Go to Q2

ii. If Yes:

Are these animals always tested free of BVD virus?

Yes, before entering the farm

Yes, after entering the farm but before they contact other animals

No

iii. Are all calves kept from introduced pregnant cows tested free of the BVD virus?

Yes

No

iv. If the bought-in cattle or their subsequent calves are not always tested, do they always come from a farm(s) known to be BVD virus free?

Yes

No

Don't know

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2 Movement of your own stock off and on farm

Stock includes lease cows, show cows, bulls for breeding, dairy animals, aborted or empty cows and heifers grazed elsewhere. In this section, do not include the accidental movement of stock through the boundary fence (see later for this).

i. Are there occasions when stock go off the farm and return later?

Yes Where to?
No Go to Q3

ii. What is the BVD status of the property where these animals go?

Tested BVD free
Likely infected
Unknown

iii. Do the boundary fences of the property to which these animals go prevent nose-to-nose contact with neighbours' cattle?

Yes
No

iv. Are all of these cattle fully vaccinated before they leave your property?

Yes
No

3 Contact with neighbours

i. Do you have any neighbours who graze cattle periodically on your boundary?

Yes
No Go to Q4

ii. Are the neighbours' herds free of the BVD virus?

Yes State neighbours' status if known
No
Don't know

iii. Does the standard of boundary fencing on the farm prevent:

a. All movement of animals across the boundary fence?

Yes
No

b. Nose-to-nose contact between your animals and the neighbours' animals?

Yes
No

iv. Do you share yards or animal equipment, such as dehorner, with your neighbours?

Yes
No

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4 Others

i. Are off-farm embryos ever transferred into your cows?

Yes
No

ii. Do people working with animals who go from farm to farm (vets, AI technicians, calf dehorner, scanners etc) practice good disease control procedures, such as washing boots and equipment, having clean overalls, disinfecting non-disposable utensils and using new syringes and needles?

Yes
No

iii. Do livestock and deadstock transporters have contact with live animals when on farm, or have access to areas to which cattle have access?

Yes
No

iv. Do you have sheep, deer or alpaca on the property that come into contact with cattle?

Yes
No