

TACKLING TB

in the Low Risk Area

Bovine TB is the most serious infectious disease affecting farms in England. In 2018, over 6700 herds were unable to trade due to bTB. This meant no movements off or on, unless licenced for specific reasons by APHA.

A TB reactor found on your herd means you are no longer in charge of your own business.

Although the High Risk Area (HRA) is seeing a steady small decline in new TB breakdowns the Edge Area (EA) is seeing TB spread further and further East. In 2018, the Low Risk Area (LRA) saw a rise in herds under restriction that year to 188, this level has been steadily rising over the last 10 years.

- The average cost to the industry of a TB breakdown is £30,000
- A TB reactor on one farm in the LRA will mean TB testing everything from 42 days of age at least twice in 120 days
- A TB reactor with lesions will mean all cattle herds within 3km will have to test everything over 42 days of age
- A TB reactor with lesions means all cattle holdings in the radial zone will have to pre-movement test any cattle being moved to another holding for at least a year at their own expense
- All breakdowns in the LRA were attributed to purchased cattle from the HRA or EA or local spread via infected cattle.

Please come along to hear the latest information on bovine TB:

Tuesday 29th October at 7.00pm

Beetle Bank Farm, Moor Lane, Murton, York YO19 5XD.

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So... what can you do?

There are many things that individual farmers can't control when it comes to TB. The government in power, the trading practices of neighbours, wildlife for example.

BUT this doesn't mean we shouldn't control what we can:

- Do you know the TB history of the farms you are purchasing from?
- Do you know the TB status of your neighbouring farms?
- Did you know you can be exempt from all government testing if you are a beef finishing unit?
- Did you know if you are a Licence finishing unit you don't trigger radial testing for your neighbours?
- Did you know badgers can get through a gap of 7.5cm?
- Did you know bTB can live for up to 60d in water?

To find out more about TB in your area, and what you can do to reduce your own risk of a TB breakdown please come along to our meeting:

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