

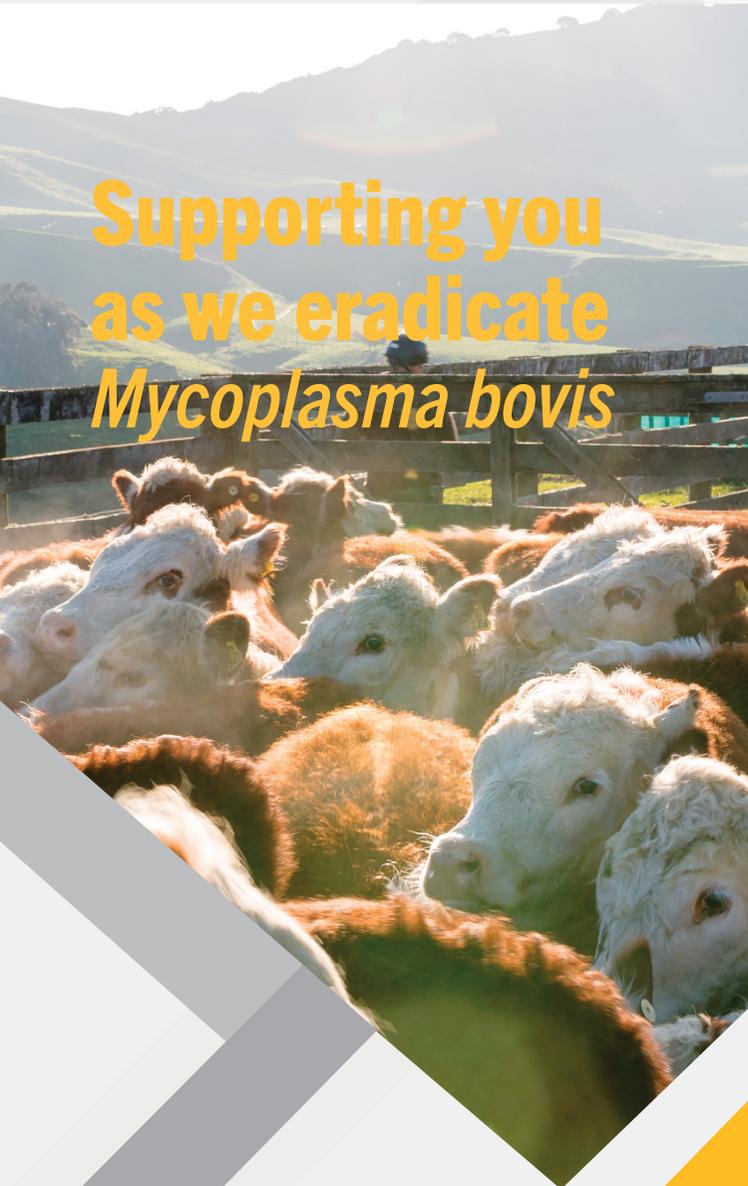


Biosecurity New Zealand

Ministry for Primary Industries

Manatū Ahu Matua

Supporting you as we eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis*



The *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) eradication Programme can be disruptive and stressful for farmers, families and workers. Support is available so you don't have to go through this alone.

Every farm is different, so we'll aim to put together a unique support package to suit your needs.

- Call 0800 00 83 33
- Email MBovis2017_Liaison@mpi.govt.nz
- Contact your dedicated support person or team (for specific farms – see below)

Farming through *M. bovis*

- **On-farm and phone support:** If you're under movement controls, we'll assign you an Incident Control Point (ICP) manager who will visit you regularly and be your main point of contact. If you're under active surveillance, you'll have a dedicated liaison team in the national office, available by phone.
- **Information packs** are available for all farms undergoing active surveillance, movement controls or depopulation, as well as neighbours of farms that have *M. bovis*.
- **Testing** for *M. bovis* is complex and takes time, and takes into account the unique situation on your farm. We've boosted lab resources and recruited additional scientists to help speed up the process. We'll phone you as soon as possible with your test results and we'll follow up in writing.
- We can contribute \$500 (excl GST) to the cost of **mustering** cattle for testing on farms under active surveillance. Some eligibility criteria apply: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32884-payments-to-muster-cattle-required-for-sampling-criteria-and-how-to-apply-factsheet
- **Farm recovery plans:** Our Recovery Team can help put together a tailored recovery plan for farms under movement controls, when needed.
- We'll contribute up to \$5000 (excl GST) for **professional advice** for farms that have been depopulated.

Compensation and other financial help

- **Compensation** is available for losses caused when the Programme restricts animal movements or destroys/damages property: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/protection-and-response/mycoplasma-bovis/advice-for-farmers-under-controls/compensation
- The DairyNZ Beef+Lamb New Zealand Compensation Assistance Team (DBCAT) can help you prepare your compensation claims for free:
 - 0800 322 281
 - dbcats@dairynz.co.nz
 - dbcats@beeflambnz.com
- Get updates about your compensation claim from: compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz
- **Operational costs:** We can pay for direct costs or damage resulting from the Programme's operational activities, including feed/water in some circumstances. Talk to us first, because these costs need to be authorised in advance.
- We have engaged with **banks** nationally. With your permission we will talk to your own bank or write letters of assurance to them.
- **Inland Revenue** provides some tax flexibility and other measures to help. Talk to your accountant as early as possible about this.

Top tips

Search "Top tips for farmers"
www.biosecurity.govt.nz/bovis



Support from industry

- You can get direct support from DairyNZ or Beef+Lamb New Zealand by giving us permission to pass on your contact details.
- Other groups you can talk to include:
 - Federated Farmers **0800 327 646**
 - Rural Women New Zealand **0800 256 467**
 - Dairy Women's Network **0800 396 748**
- Our Recovery Team comprises industry people with farming expertise to guide you through the recovery process.
- DBCAT uses experienced rural professionals who specialise in helping with *M. bovis* claims: **0800 322 281**
- If you need help with your NAIT account visit www.ospri.co.nz or call OSPRI on **0800 482 463**
- You can get help from other farmers. The Red Meat Profit Partnership offers \$4000 to beef farmers who form Action Groups of 7–9 farmers: **0800 733 632** www.actionnetwork.co.nz
- DairyConnect has 450 support farmers who have offered to help other dairy farmers: www.dairynz.co.nz/business/dairy-connect

Stress and wellbeing

- You don't need to go through *M. bovis* alone. Stress is a normal response to a situation like this, and it's OK to ask for help.
- All farmers under movement restrictions can get free, 1-1 support through Rural Support Trusts, who can also connect you to a range of other support and health services: **0800 787 254**
- Contact your GP/doctor, they can help you maintain your wellbeing.
- We'll pay for counselling services if you or your family need it. Talk to us or your Rural Support Trust contact.
- Welfare advisers are available in our field offices (Hamilton, Christchurch, Oamaru, Invercargill) to put together support packages to suit different situations.

How to keep updated

Call **0800 00 83 33** for all general enquiries

Sign up to the *M. bovis* weekly update: email Mbovis_Liaison@mpi.govt.nz

Visit the *M. bovis* website: www.biosecurity.govt.nz/protection-and-response/mycoplasma-bovis



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