

# Pre-Purchase Checklist (*Mycoplasma bovis*)

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For guidance when buying cattle of any age, breed or class to better understand the health history of the source herd, and the health status of the animals intended for purchase.

This form can be used alongside the Animal Status Declaration and to supplement the information on the Animal Status Declaration.

Make sure you receive a completed Animal Status Declaration for these animals, and that you complete the NAIT records for the movement of the animals.

## ASK YOUR AGENT OR SUPPLIER TO CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Contact your vet for advice or call MPI on 0800 80 99 66 if you see any of the following:

Number, sex and breed of animals to be purchased:

Vendor details:

Contact name:

NAIT number:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

Name of trucking company transporting animals:

Vendor's vet's business name and phone number:

## GENERAL

- Ask your agent or supplier to provide a list of the purchased animals confirming description and required identification, including ear marks if relevant.
- Before confirming the purchase of the animals, ask if clusters of the following signs have occurred on the farm of origin:
  - Lameness in adult and young animals, and in particular, swollen joints.
  - Incidences of mastitis that have not responded to treatment, especially with watery, yellow milk.
  - Cows calving early, the birth of smaller than normal calves, and/or slips and abortions.
  - Respiratory disease in calves, particularly pneumonia accompanied by a hacking cough.
  - Ear infections in calves, often shown as a droopy ear or head tilt.
  - Animals with conjunctivitis, especially calves.

- Before animals of any age leave the farm of origin, have they been checked to see that:
 

– they are robust and fit for transport, and not showing any lameness or swollen joints;	Yes	No
– they are visually healthy and do not have eye discharges, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease, diarrhoea, ear infections, a head tilt (indicating middle ear infection).	Yes	No

## MASTITIS

- Have you been provided with the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) and mastitis records of the purchased animals? Yes      No
- Have you been provided with the treatment records of any cows that have had mastitis? Yes      No

## SUGGESTION

It may also be worth finding out about other diseases and animal health management in the herd of origin as this can assist with the management of the animals when they arrive, and with the overall animal health management on your farm. For example; the BVD status, the vaccination programmes, treatments the animals have received such as facial eczema prevention, and drenching and pour-on treatments on the farm of origin.

## OTHER ANIMAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Is there any other health information that is important for the purchaser of the animals from this herd to know about?