

## Irish Johne's Control Programme - Phase Two 2019-2022

# CHECKLIST FOR HERDOWNERS

Confirm that your vet is an **Approved Veterinary Practitioner (AVP)**. Only AVPs who have completed the required training are eligible to carry out a **veterinary risk assessment and management plan (VRAMP)**.



### **STEP 1 - CARRY OUT A VRAMP**

You are responsible for contacting your nominated **AVP** to arrange a VRAMP. This activity is funded by The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and is paid by AHI directly to your **AVP**, once the VRAMP outcomes are uploaded to the programme database. The VRAMP will identify the main risks for the introduction and spread of Johne's disease within your herd. To gain the greatest advantage from the VRAMP, make sure you carry out the recommendations agreed in the plan.



### **STEP 2 - ARRANGE A WHOLE HERD TEST**

**Contact your AVP or Milk Recording Organisation (MRO) to arrange a whole herd test (milk or blood)**. All animals over the age of 2 years, to be individually tested using one milk or one blood sample. The ELISA tests should not be carried until at least 90 days after a TB test. For herdowners using blood tests, the sampling may occur at the first visit of the TB test. You are required to pay your AVP or MRO for this service but will subsequently be provided with financial support by the milk processor subject to compliance with the conditions below.

- Testing of 100% eligible animals (those aged 2 years and above when the WHT, or first part thereof, is undertaken) in the herd (including males).
- Completion of VRAMP.
- Completion of ancillary testing and TASAH-funded herd investigation, where relevant.

Full details about the financial support available may be obtained from your milk processor or the AHI website. A whole herd test must be completed each calendar year.



### **STEP 3 - ARRANGE ANCILLARY TESTING**

Provided infection has not already been confirmed through faecal PCR or culture, then you are required to carry out ancillary testing on all ELISA positive and ELISA inconclusive animals within 30 days of upload to ICBF of the ELISA result. The ancillary test sample will be collected by your AVP and will be funded by DAFM, with payments made directly by AHI to the AVP for sampling and the laboratory for testing. There is no cost to you, the herdowner.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS IF AN ANIMAL OR ANIMALS TEST POSITIVE?**

If an ancillary test is positive, you are required to have a TASAH investigation which will be undertaken by your AVP. Please contact AHI to register for this investigation. The investigation is funded by DAFM and there is no cost to the herdowner.

By following these steps you and your herd will gain the greatest benefit from the Irish Johne's Control Programme and you will be addressing the risks Johne's disease presents to your herd and the dairy and beef industries as a whole.