

BVD designated laboratories for TASAHERD investigations from 2021

A number of BVD designated laboratories will be able to test samples taken as part of a BVD TASAHERD investigation. From 2021, blood samples will be taken from all animals in the herd and testing for BVD virus. Note that calves under 75 days of age will have to be tested by PCR and these must be identified in the laboratory submission form as such. Details of designated laboratories that these samples may be sent to, including their accreditation and the range of tests offered, are provided in the table overleaf. It is the responsibility of the PVP to ensure that the testing fee is covered by the TASAHERD testing rate and we recommend contacting the laboratory in advance of sample submission.

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<p align="center">Below is a list of the diagnostic laboratories currently designated by the BVD Implementation Group to provide testing in support of the national BVD eradication programme, the tests and sample types to which this designation refers and the accreditation status of these tests.</p> <p align="center">Note that the Department of Agriculture Laboratories Virology Division (Backweston) must be used for official testing for BVD and IBR (e.g. for entry to AI).</p>			<p>INAB (www.INAB.ie) and UKAS (www.UKAS.com) are national bodies providing accreditation to ISO 17025. CLAS (www.campdenbri.co.uk) is an independent body, providing accreditation according to the principles of ISO 17025.</p>		Key		
					-	Not offered	
			B	Blood			
			T	Tissue (ear punch)			
			Mi	Milk - individual			
			Mb	Milk - bulk tank			
			p80	Detects antibodies to p80 protein only			
			WV	Detects antibodies to whole virus			
Name of laboratory	Address	Website	Contact	Accreditation Body	ELISA Virus	RTPCR	ELISA Antibody (kit type(s))
Agri Diagnostics	Dunrinc, Killarney, Co. Kerry	www.agridiagnostics.ie	Ger Hehir Tel: 064 6633922 labs@agridiagnostics.ie	INAB	-	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute	Stoney Road, Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SD	www.afbini.gov.uk	Emma Campbell Tel: +44 (0) 28 905 25791 bvd.testing@afbini.gov.uk	UKAS	T, B	T, B, Mi, Mb	B, Mi, Mb p80
Animal Health Laboratories	Shinagh House, Bandon, Co.Cork	www.animalhealthlabs.ie	Anne-Marie Lynch Tel: 023 8854100 alynch@ahli.ie	INAB	T, B	T, B, Mi, Mb	B, Mi, Mb WV*
Enfer Labs	Unit T, M7 Business Park, Newhall, Naas. Co Kildare	www.enfergroup.com	Michael Kennedy Tel: 045 983 800 michaelkennedy@enfergroup.com	INAB	T, B	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80, WV
Farm Lab Diagnostics	Emlagh, Elphin, Co. Roscommon	www.farmlab.ie	Vanessa Moffatt Tel: 071 96 30792 info@farmlab.ie	INAB	B	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80
Independent Milk Laboratories	iML, Shercock Rd, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	www.imlabs.ie	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie	INAB	T, B	T, B	B, Mi, Mb p80
National Milk Laboratories Ltd.	c/o iML, Shercock Rd, Bailieborough, Co. Cavan	www.nationalmilklaboratories.co.uk	Dr. Robert Burns 042 967 5353 robertb@imlabs.ie	INAB	T, B	-	B, Mi, Mb p80, WV*
Oldcastle Laboratories	Cogan Street, Oldcastle, Co. Meath. Ireland	www.oldcastelabs.ie	Claire Foley Tel: 049 8541160 elisa@oldcastelabs.ie	INAB	T, B	T	B, Mi, Mb p80