

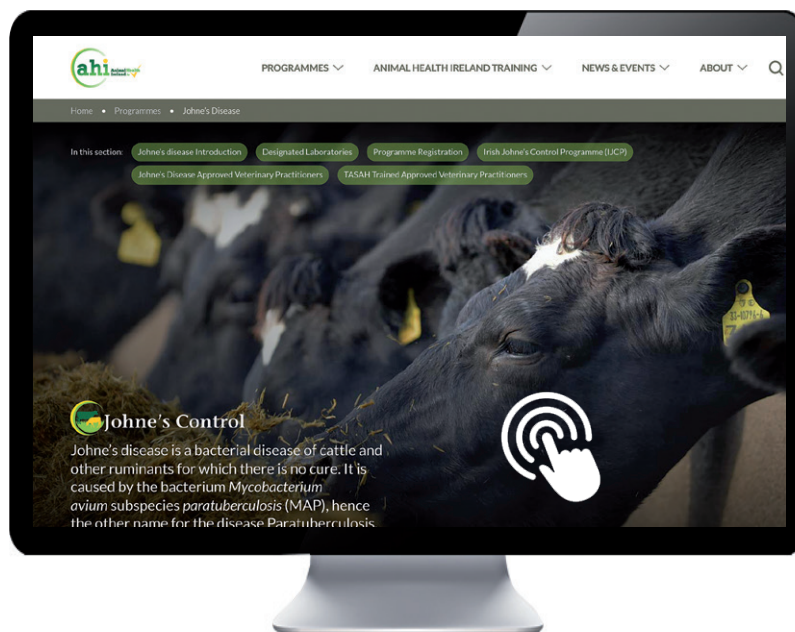
Completing your 2023 programme requirements

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The last quarter of the year is a busy period for members of the Irish Johne's Control Programme (IJCP). Many members are taking action to complete their Whole Herd Test (WHT) and Veterinary Risk Assessment and Management Plan (VRAMP) programme requirements for 2023.

It is important that if you need a WHT and VRAMP under the 2023 programme requirements that you get these tasks arranged and completed as soon as possible. Any WHTs started but not finished should also be completed.

The exceptions to completing a WHT and VRAMP in 2023 are herds in their fourth and fifth year of the Test Negative Pathway (TNP). Currently there are 215 herds in the TNP year 5 pathway. Herds in year 5 TNP are not required or funded to complete either a WHT or a VRAMP. However, even with year 5 TNP herds, AHI recommend completion of these actions as part of your annual herd health activities, as it gives you valuable information at both a herd and individual animal level. With year 4 TNP herds, members are required to carry out a WHT (non-funded) but not a VRAMP. Apart from these two exceptions (year 4 and 5 TNP herds) all other herds in the 2023 programme should complete both a WHT and VRAMP.



<https://animalhealthireland.ie/programmes/johnes-disease/>

How do I know as a member what is required of me in the 2023 IJCP?

If you want to know what actions you need to complete as part of the 2023 IJCP, access your Johne's homepage on ICBF, which will show you what is required. A useful guide to the IJCP homepage can be accessed at the following link [Accessing the AHI dashboards](#).

1	Whole herd test completed?	Yes
2	Ancillary PCR testing required?	Yes
3	ELISA re-testing recommended?	No
4	Date of last VRAMP	23-NOV-22
	VRAMP for 2023	VRAMP is required, still due

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Whole herd test complete? – If this is “Yes” then the WHT is complete for 2023. If the WHT status is “Not Yet Completed” then the WHT has been started but not all the eligible animals over 2 years old on the farm have been tested. If the WHT status is “Not Yet Started” then the WHT for 2023 has not been commenced but needs to be arranged and completed. “NOT REQUIRED” status means the herd is year 5 TNP and is not required to test in 2023.

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Ancillary PCR testing required? – If this is “YES” then it means you have outstanding faecal PCR testing (dung sample) required in your herd. If “YES” is present, you can click on it to get a list of animal(s) requiring testing.

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ELISA re-testing recommended? – If this is “YES” it informs you that positive or inconclusive ELISA test samples were collected and submitted to the laboratory within 7 days after calving (for an ELISA test on a milk sample only) or within 90 days after a TB skin test (on blood or milk). In each of those scenarios, the follow-up test should be an ELISA re-test on a blood or milk sample, after the expiry of the 7-day or 90-day period, respectively.

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VRAMP date – This tells you the date of completion for your previous VRAMP and if your 2023 VRAMP is still due. If you click on the date of your previous VRAMP the results from it can be accessed.

Along with the information available on ICBF Johne's home page, members in the programme are also being reminded if they have not completed their 2023 VRAMP or have not completed or not started their Whole Herd Test by AHI sending out mobile phone text notifications. If you receive one of these AHI text messages, please read it and act on it. More information about the Johne's programme and participation requirements are also available on the AHI website [Johne's Disease - Animal Health Ireland](https://www.animalhealthireland.ie/johne-s-disease)