

# COMPLETION OF 2023 PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

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## To finish out the 2023 programme year get your herd test and veterinary risk assessment (VRAMP) completed

**A**s the end of the Irish Johne's Control Programme (IJCP) 2023 programme year is fast approaching you have only a small window of time remaining to complete the programme requirements.

Your ICBF display of Johne's herd records shows you clearly your progress towards completing your whole herd test (WHT) and veterinary risk assessment and management plan (VRAMP), and whether there are animals in your herd for which ancillary PCR (dung) testing is required or ELISA (blood or milk) re-testing is recommended.

To determine which actions are needed to complete 2023 requirements a readily accessible source of information is the ICBF Johne's web home page. Help on accessing AHI webpages is available at [Accessing the AHI dashboards](#). Some examples of what you might see on your own homepage are shown below. Figure 1 is an example of a herd which has completed its WHT but still has to complete its annual VRAMP.

Herd Details	
Herd Number:	[REDACTED]
Owner Name:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]
Mobile:	[REDACTED]
Date of most recent enrolment in the IJCP	01-JAN-23
Date of initial enrolment in the IJCP	[REDACTED]
Date of last positive faecal culture or PCR	[REDACTED]
Whole herd test completed?	Yes
Ancillary PCR testing required?	Yes
ELISA re-testing recommended?	No
Date of last VRAMP	02-DEC-22
VRAMP for 2023	VRAMP is required, still due
Last TB test date	20-OCT-2022
Next scheduled TB test date	Not available
BTM positive herd?	No
Pathway for 2023	Positive

**Figure 1.** Herd with annual WHT completed but VRAMP not completed.

Figure 2 is another example of a herd in the 2023 programme. This herd has not completed either its WHT or annual VRAMP. If your herd falls into this category it is important that you get the WHT and VRAMP arranged and completed as soon as possible.

Another point to note for the herd in Figure 2 is that adjacent to the question **'Ancillary PCR testing required?'** **'Yes'** is displayed. If **'Yes'** is displayed in this position it is telling you that there are animals in your herd which require to be faecal (dung) sampled. If as shown by the red arrow you click on the **'Yes'** a list of animals from your herd which require testing will be displayed. If you have animals which require faecal (dung) testing, please contact your vet and arrange to get it completed. The same applies if you see **'Yes'** opposite the question **'ELISA re-testing recommended?'**, click on the **'Yes'** to see a list of these animals and the reason as to why they should be retested.

**Figure 2.** Herd with neither annual WHT or VRAMP not completed.

### Herd Details

Herd Number:	
Owner Name:	
Address:	
Mobile:	
Date of most recent enrolment in the IJCP	01-JAN-23
Date of initial enrolment in the IJCP	
Date of last positive faecal culture or PCR	
Whole herd test completed?	Not Yet Complete
Ancillary PCR testing required?	Yes
ELISA re-testing recommended?	No
Date of last VRAMP	15-DEC-22
VRAMP for 2023	VRAMP is required, still due
Last TB test date	13-OCT-2023
Next scheduled TB test date	13-OCT-2024
BTM positive herd?	No
Pathway for 2023	Negative

#### 24-Oct-2023: Animals for follow up testing

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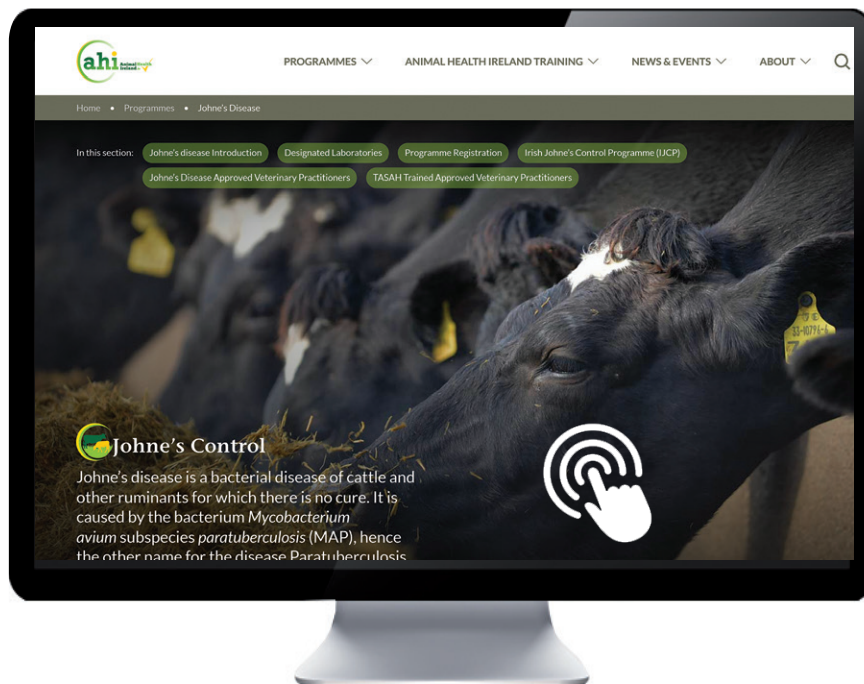
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If your ICBF Johne's web home page looks like the **'Herd Details'** as shown in Figure 3 below then you are in the position of having completed all your programme actions for 2023, with the WHT and VRAMP completed and no outstanding individual animal tests – well done!

In summary, if your VRAMP is still due contact your vet (AVP) and arrange to have it completed as soon as possible. As Milk recording has now practically finished for the year herd testing will now generally now be conducted on blood samples. This may be easier now, as cows are being housed. Contact your veterinary practitioner immediately to arrange your herd testing (WHT). Also don't forget about any individual animal testing that may be required; check your ICBF Johne's homepage as described above for these. More information about the Johne's programme is also available on the AHI website [click here](#).

**Figure 3.** Herd with annual WHT / VRAMP completed and no outstanding ancillary PCR testing required.

Herd Details	
Herd Number:	
Owner Name:	
Address:	
Mobile:	
Date of most recent enrolment in the IJCP	01-JAN-23
Date of initial enrolment in the IJCP	
Date of last positive faecal culture or PCR	
Whole herd test completed?	Yes
Ancillary PCR testing required?	No
ELISA re-testing recommended?	No
Date of last VRAMP	27-JUL-23
VRAMP for 2023	Completed, no VRAMP action required
Last TB test date	29-APR-2023
Next scheduled TB test date	15-APR-2024
BTM positive herd?	No
Pathway for 2023	Negative



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