

# Irish Johne's Control Programme



 **Johne's Control**  
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**Business Plan**  
**2025**



Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is a private-public partnership established between private agri-sector stakeholders and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).

AHI aims to provide the knowledge, education and coordination required to establish effective control programmes for important diseases of livestock that are not subject to international regulation and in so doing to contribute to an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable farming and agrifood sector through improved animal health and welfare.

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## Programme Objectives

The objectives of the IJCP are to:

1. Enhance the ability of participating farmers to keep their herds clear of Johne's disease (JD).
2. Assist participating farmers to reduce the level of infection in their herds, where present.
3. Provide additional reassurance to the marketplace in relation to Ireland's efforts to control Johne's disease and sustainability of Irish cattle production.
4. Improve calf health, farm biosecurity and sustainability in participating farms.

*NOTE: The IJCP objectives given above may be altered during the 2025 programme year to accommodate new programme structures.*

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		<b>Q1</b> ▼	<b>Q2</b> ▼	<b>Q3</b> ▼	<b>Q4</b> ▼
<b>01</b>	Maintain and refine current communication channels for all stakeholders, focused on farmers, veterinary practitioners, milk processors, laboratories and milk recording organisations.	▶			
<b>02</b>	Communication cascade to provide information to stakeholders at all levels relating to 2025 programme implementation.	▶			
<b>03</b>	Use digital media to enhance communication channels and provide broad coverage to the farming stakeholder community of the new 2025 JD programme.	▶			
<b>04</b>	Present the IJCP and its outputs at stakeholder and wider interest events.	▶			
<b>PROGRAMME COORDINATION</b>					
<b>01</b>	Use programme data to drive required change using an evidence based approach.	▶			
<b>02</b>	Support policy and procedure considerations and decisions of the Implementation Group and technical considerations and decisions of the Technical Working Group.	▶			
<b>03</b>	Efficient and effective programme administration.	▶			
<b>04</b>	Provide annual, six monthly and ad hoc programme reports, as required in 2025.	▶			
<b>05</b>	Facilitation of timely payments for herd testing and other funded activities.	▶			



## PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>01</b> Engage with funders and wider IG to agree programme structure and implementation of 2025 JD programme.	Progress bar (100%)			
<b>02</b> Development of new programme model which will allow easier participation of beef herds in IJCP.	Progress bar (100%)			
<b>03</b> Continued investigation of programme evaluation metrics to provide assessment tools and integrate into new herd reporting tool.	Progress bar (100%)			
<b>04</b> Development and implementation of a herd reporting tool through the TWG which will be used to enhance communication of JD test results to both farmers and vets.	Progress bar (25%)		Progress bar (75%)	
<b>05</b> Recruitment of new herds through processors to encourage BTM positive herds to join the new 2025 programme.	Progress bar (100%)			
<b>06</b> Coordination at laboratory level of National Reference Laboratory project to build an archive of Johne's faecal samples in conjunction with 2025 programme standards.	Progress bar (100%)			

## ICT SUPPORT

<b>01</b> Maintenance and development of CRM, ICBF databases.	Progress bar (100%)			
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## RESEARCH

<b>01</b> Facilitate the implementation and delivery of projects identified through R&D prioritisation activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Herd Environmental Sampling.</li> <li>Analysis of herd testing statuses in the IJCP based on pathway residency.</li> <li>Exploratory data analysis of VRAMP scores within IJCP herds.</li> <li>Comparison of blood and milk samples for ELISA testing.</li> <li>Behavioural science of AVP engagement.</li> <li>Bulk Tank Milk (BTM) surveillance data analysis, including risk factors for positive BTM results and investigation of TB testing impact on BTM results.</li> </ul>	Progress bar (100%)			
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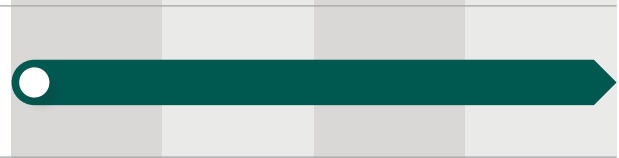




**TRAINING**

**01** Deliver AVP and TASAH training (new participants and refresher) plus wider stakeholder activities as required to promote and educate in relation to new 2025 JD programme structures.

Q1 ▼	Q2 ▼	Q3 ▼	Q4 ▼
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**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

(Dependent on 2025 agreed programme structure)

**01** Completion of 500 VRAMPS in 2025 JD programme.



**02** Completion of 900 JD herd tests.



**03** Completion of 900 Ancillary Faecal tests.

