BVD designated laboratories for TASAH herd investigations from 2021

A number of BVD designated laboratories will be able to test samples taken as part of a BVD TASAH 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 TASAH testing rate and we recommend contacting the laboratory in advance of sample submission.

BVD

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.

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).

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.

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 antobodies to whole virus

Name of laboratory	Address	Website	Contact	Accreditation Body	ELISA Virus	RTPCR	ELISA Antibody (kit type(s))
Agri Diagnostics	Dunrine, Killarney, Co. Kerry	www.agridiagnostics.ie	Mary Moynihan Tel: 064 6633922 labs@agridiagnositics.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	Nicola White Tel: 023 8854100 nwhite@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	Clair McLoughlin 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.oldcastlelabs.ie	Michelle Carroll Tel: 049 8541160 elisa@oldcastlelabs.ie	INAB	T, B	T	B, Mi, Mb p80

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No biological test is 100% accurate. If an inaccurate result is suspected, the animal should be isolated and re-tested.

All designated laboratories are independently accredited for BVD testing and the test methods used (ELISA or RT-PCR) will, in the great majority of cases, accurately detect the presence or absence of virus in tissue and blood samples when submitted and tested correctly. However, results relate only to the sample as received by the laboratory and, whilst laboratories warrant that their tests will meet their applicable declared specifications, the laboratories make no other warranty, expressed or implied and accept no responsibility or liability in respect of false results which are within the limits of the declared specifications of the tests offered. No representation or warranty is given by AHI, ICBF, the Technical Working Group, the Implementation Group or any member, employee or other person connected with any of the foregoing bodies as to the accuracy of any BVD test methods or test results. Neither AHI, ICBF, the Technical Working Group, the Implementation Group nor any member, employee or other person connected with any of the foregoing bodies shall have any liability or responsibility in respect of any laboratory or the accuracy of any test methods, test results or reports produced by any laboratory.