Mycoplasma bovis is an unwanted organism in NZ. It is important for all farmers to contact their veterinarian and/or MPI if they see the following unusual signs in their herd.

### Abortions
- Slips, early calves, small calves

### Mastitis
- Swollen (rubbery quarters), involves multiple quarters
- Not painful or hot
- Non-responsive to treatment
- Affected quarters will rapidly dry off

### Lame cows with swollen legs/joints
- Painful and hot

### Cattle
- M. bovis is spread mainly by prolonged close contact between animals and feeding milk from infected cows to calves.
- Equipment used on animals must be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between farms.
- Don’t wait if you have animals with suspicious signs, early intervention from a veterinarian is important.
- In some cases animals can be infected and show no signs of disease.

### Ear infections
- Droopy ear
- Ear discharge
- Head tilt

### Conjunctivitis
- Sticky eyes, white eyes

### Pneumonia
- Hacking cough

### Calves / young stock
- Lame calves with swollen legs/joints
- Painful and hot

### Fading calves
- Inflammation of the joints, and sometimes the brain

### Conjunctionitis
- Sticky eyes, white eyes

### Lame cows with swollen legs/joints
- Painful and hot


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