

Biosecurity Pre Purchase Checklist

Ask your agent or supplier to confirm the following information.

Number and class of animals to be purchased: _____

Vendor details:

Trading name: _____ NAIT number: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Will the animals pass through saleyards prior to arrival? Yes / No

- If yes: Saleyards: _____ Date: _____

Name of trucking company transporting animals: _____

Vendor's vet's business name and phone number: _____

General

Ask your agent or supplier to provide a list of the animals available for purchase confirming both their description and NAIT identification. Ensure you are provided with the movement history of all the animals, including where the farm is they were born on, and where have they been since, including any grazing properties

- Before the animals leave the farm of origin or saleyards, have they been checked for:
 - Visually healthy and fit to be transported? (no signs of lameness; injuries or skin lesions; no active mastitis; no discharges from eyes, nose or mouth; and looks to be behaving normally) Yes / No
 - Do they meet the agreed body condition score or liveweight targets in the contract? Yes / No
 - Have any of the animals been disbudded, dehorned, or castrated in the last 7 days? Yes / No
- If the animals are pregnant, have you been advised of expected calving dates? Yes / No

Animal Health

Mycoplasma bovis (M. bovis) – notifiable bacterial disease of cattle.

- Have you checked the *M. bovis* history of the animals, the source herds they come from, and the area they come from? Yes / No

Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) – notifiable bacterial disease that can also affect people

- Have you checked the TB status of the animals? Yes / No

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) – viral disease causing infertility, abortion, and decreased immunity. Calves born to infected dams may be Persistently Infected (PI)

- What is the BVD testing status of the source herd? Bulk milk test / Animal testing
- What is the BVD status of the purchased animals? Positive / Not tested / Negative
- Have they been tested to confirm they are not PI carriers of the virus? Yes / No
 - If yes, ask your agent or supplier to provide a certificate of this.
- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against BVD? Yes / No
 - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____

Johnes - an incurable bacterial disease which causes chronic diarrhoea and progressive weight loss.

- Has the source herd been Johnes tested? Yes / No
- What is the Johnes status of the purchased animals? Positive / Not-detected / Unknown
- When was the last Johnes test completed? Date: _____

Leptospirosis – bacterial disease, a health and safety risk for people on farm, and a cause of reproductive failure in cattle and a decrease in milk production.

- Is the source herd vaccinated against Leptospirosis? Yes / No
- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against Leptospirosis? Yes / No
 - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____

Other vaccinations – for example Salmonella, Rotavirus, IBR, clostridial diseases (e.g. 5-in-1, 7-in-1)

- Have the purchased animals been vaccinated against any other diseases? Yes / No
 - Vaccine: _____ Date given: _____
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Other treatments

- Have the purchased animals received any mineral (eg magnesium, copper, calcium, selenium) or vitamin supplements? Yes / No
 - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date most recently given: _____
- Have the purchased animals received any zinc treatment (for facial eczema)? Yes / No
 - If yes: Vaccine: _____ Date most recently given: _____

Drenching and pour-on treatments

- Have the purchased animals been treated for internal or external parasites? Yes / No
 - If yes: Product: _____ Date given: _____
- Does the source herd have any history of drench resistance? Yes / No / Don't know

Mastitis

- Have you viewed dry cow treatment records for the purchased animals? Yes / No
- Have you viewed the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) and mastitis records of the purchased animals? Yes / No

Other animal health information

Is there any other health information that is important for the purchaser of the animals from this herd to know about? For example, other diseases on farm e.g. incidence of lameness, arthritis, pneumonia, general calf health, slips and abortions, Theileria, Digital Dermatitis.

For more information see dairynz.co.nz/animal-health