

BVD, who me?

BVD control is not one action. It's a plan built around one key question: Could a PI animal be created, introduced, or left undetected in your system?

A persistently infected (PI) animal can look healthy, but continue shedding BVD virus and keep the disease circulating in the herd. That's why testing, biosecurity, vaccination and monitoring need to work together.

1 IS YOUR HERD GENUINELY CLOSED?



- Do you buy in cattle?
- Do bulls come onto the farm?
- Are heifers or calves grazed off-farm?
- Is there nose-to-nose contact with neighbouring stock?
- Do animals return from shows, sales, grazing blocks or shared facilities?

YES

To any of these



Your herd has a contact pathway for BVD.

Next step: Talk to your vet about a BVD control plan that covers testing, biosecurity and vaccination.

NO

To all of these



Your risk may be lower, but it still needs checking.

Next step: Confirm with your vet whether your system is genuinely closed and whether current monitoring is enough.

2 DO YOU KNOW YOUR HERD'S CURRENT BVD STATUS?



- Have you tested for BVD exposure recently?
- Have replacement animals been screened?
- Are PI animals actively looked for and removed?
- Is testing repeated often enough to detect change?

NO

Not sure



You may be managing without knowing whether BVD is already present.

Next step: Test the herd or relevant groups, then use the result to guide the control plan.

YES



Good. Testing gives you a starting point.

Next step: Check whether your plan also protects against future exposure.

3 ARE PREGNANT ANIMALS VACCINATED?



- Are breeding animals vaccinated before risk periods?
- Is the programme timed correctly?
- Are annual boosters up to date?
- Are all at-risk pregnant animals covered?

NO

Not sure



There may be a gap where the next PI calf could be created.

Next step: Review your vaccination timing with your vet.

YES



Your plan is stronger.

Next step: Keep monitoring and check that new animals or contact pathways do not reintroduce risk.

4 IS YOUR CONTROL PLAN COMPLETE?



- Test the herd
- Find and remove PIs
- Protect fetus
- Monitor over time

NO

Not sure



There are gaps in your plan that may leave PI risk.

Next step: Work with your vet to complete your BVD control plan.

YES



You're on the right track.

Next step: Keep monitoring and review the plan regularly as your farm system changes.

A BVD CONTROL PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE:



1. TEST THE HERD

Know whether BVD exposure or infection is present.



2. FIND AND REMOVE PIs

Know whether BVD exposure or infection is present.



3. CHECK BIOSECURITY

Identify where cattle contact or introduced animals could bring BVD onto the farm.



4. VACCINATE

Use vaccination where risk justifies it, with correct timing and boosters.



5. MONITOR OVER TIME

BVD risk can change as stock movements and farm systems change.

If there's uncertainty at any point, talk with your vet about how Bovilis BVD might fit within your control plan.



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