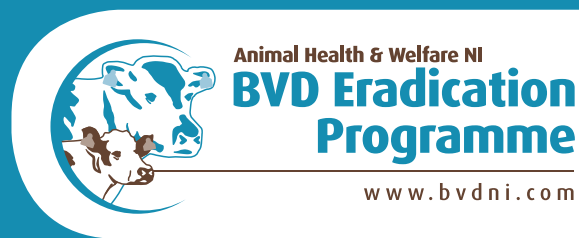


Northern Ireland BVD Virus Eradication Programme



New Compulsory Legislation is on its Way:

It will be illegal to sell calves born on or after the 1st March 2016, unless they have tested negative for BVD.

What is BVD?

Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD) is a highly contagious viral disease of cattle. It can be spread directly by infected animals, or indirectly, for example by contaminated equipment or visitors.

BVD virus causes significant financial losses to farmers in NI and threatens exports.

Testing of Calves will be simple:

Testing will be carried out using official ID ear tags.

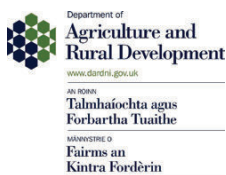
Where PI (positive) calves are detected in a herd, further testing is required via blood samples.

The identification and removal of persistently infected animals is key to eradication.

It will be the seller's responsibility that all calves presented for sale have a negative test result.

To find out more contact AHWNI helpdesk on (028) 87 789126 or email info@animalhealthni.com or log onto www.bvdni.com

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