

Dairy BJD Assurance Score Declaration Form

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PROPERTY DETAILS

Trading name:							
Address of property:							
Property Identification Code:							
Animal Identification:							

PART A – HERD BASE SCORE DETERMINATION

Applies to the lowest Score animal in the herd. Select ONE Score only

Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle (CattleMAP)				Score
The herd is in the CattleMAP. The herd has a biosecurity program in place which is audited annually and has undertaken one or more whole herd tests with negative results (select one score only and provide CattleMAP status expiry date and certificate number)	MN3	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
	MN2	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
	MN1	Expiry date:	Cert.No.	8 <input type="checkbox"/>

Herd tested negative			
The herd is not known or suspected to be infected and has tested negative by being either: (Tick test type) <input type="checkbox"/> Tested 4 Year Old or <input type="checkbox"/> Tested to MAP Standard in the last 24 months or <input type="checkbox"/> Check Tested in the last 12 months			7 <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of approved vet:	Date of Test:		

Approved BJD Control Program		
BJD has been diagnosed in the herd in the past but an approved BJD control program has been implemented and the herd's current official status is: (select one score only)	Restricted 2	6 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Restricted 1	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Low Prevalence	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Moderate Prevalence	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
	High Prevalence or untested but on an approved control program	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

Infected or Suspect herds	
Herd is known or suspected to be infected and has not been tested or had an approved BJD control program implemented	1 <input type="checkbox"/>

Non-Assessed herds		
The herd has not recently been tested but is not known to be Infected or Suspect and is located in: (select one score only)	NSW, Victoria, SA or Residual Zones before 1 July 2008 and after 1 July 2008 where 3-Step Calf Plan implemented and audited prior to July 1 2008	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
	NSW and Control or Residual Zones After 1 July 2008	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
	JDCAP or 3-Step Calf Plan has been implemented and audited for four years or more. Years audited: <input type="text"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Protected Zones apart from NSW	7 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Free Zone	10 <input type="checkbox"/>

Part A: Herd base Score	
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PART B – CALF CREDIT POINTS (if applicable – see notes overleaf)

Approved calf rearing programs	Score
These calves have been reared in a herd where JDCAP has been implemented and audited. Certificate No. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Years of participation: <input type="text"/>	+3 <input type="checkbox"/>
These calves have been reared in a herd where the 3-Step Calf Plan has been implemented and audited	+1 <input type="checkbox"/>

Part B: Calf credits	
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PART C – TOTAL SCORE FOR INDIVIDUAL CATTLE

Total of Part A + Part B	
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DECLARATION

I <input type="text"/> of <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>
am the person with day to day responsibility for managing the dairy cattle herd described above and I declare that the information on this form is correct and I attest that I have documentary evidence to substantiate this declaration.	Signature: <input type="text"/>

Please Note: Making a false or misleading declaration may make the signatory liable to prosecution and/or civil action under the Trade Practices Act 1974 and relevant State legislation. Beef herds purchasing cattle with Dairy BJD Assurance Score of 6 or below will not be eligible for the Financial and Non-Financial Assistance Package for BJD affected beef herds.

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Explanatory notes

PART A - HERD SCORE

Johne's disease Market Assurance Program (MAP)

MN1 to MN3 are Monitored Negative statuses in the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle (CattleMAP). The herd's approved veterinarian issues a herd status certificate that is valid for 12 months.

Herd tested negative

Check tested, *Tested 4 Year Old* and *Tested to MAP Standard* are statuses allocated to herds that have had a negative test by an approved veterinarian. A *Check Test* is a test of 50 adult cattle (2 years of age and older) in the herd that are most likely to be infected in the previous 12 months. *Tested 4 Year Old* and *Tested to MAP Standard* are tests of all or a large sample of the cattle over 4 years old and 2 years old respectively in the previous 24 months, and these statuses can be maintained by a *Check Test* every 24 months.

Approved BJD control programs

An approved BJD control program is approved by the State or Territory animal health authority for an infected herd. The authority allocates the herd status to reflect the stage of the herd's progress.

To attain and retain a status of *High Prevalence*, *Moderate Prevalence* or *Low Prevalence*, a herd would also have to implement a disease control program comprising at least:

- individual animal identification
- 3-step calf rearing plan
- immediate culling of clinical cases
- herd retest at a maximum interval of 4 years to maintain or progress status
- culling priority for reactors and other high risk animals at the end of lactation
- introductions of same or higher assurance score

High Prevalence herds have more than 4% of cattle (4 years and older) test positive by ELISA or have not been tested and *Moderate Prevalence* herds have equal to or less than 4% test positive by ELISA. A *Low Prevalence* herd has 2% or less ELISA positives among cattle that are 4 years and older (or 1.5% or less in cattle 2 years and older).

Restricted 1 and *Restricted 2* are statuses for infected herds that have had one and two consecutive negative herd tests respectively in an official control program, as per the Standard Definitions and Rules for BJD.

Approved calf rearing programs

Young animals are most susceptible to becoming infected with BJD. The risk of calves becoming infected can be lowered by reducing their exposure to infected cattle and contaminated environments on the farm.

The *JD Calf Accreditation Program (JDCAP)* is a voluntary comprehensive audited program that has been implemented on some dairy farms in Victoria and is a compulsory part of participation in the Victorian Test and Control Program from 2003 onwards.

The *Three Step Calf Plan* is a voluntary calf rearing program that can be included in dairy factory audited on-farm QA programs. The following three steps are management practices that minimise the risk of spread of BJD infection in cattle under 12 months:

- Calves should be taken off the cow within 12 hours of birth.
- Management of the calf rearing area should ensure that no effluent from animals of susceptible species comes into contact with the calf.
- Calves up to 12 months should not be reared on pastures that have had adult stock or stock that are known to carry BJD on them during the last 12 months.

Infected and suspect herd

The herd is classified by the animal health authority as infected or suspect and has not been tested to achieve a status under sections above.

Non-assessed herds

Herds that are not known or suspected to be infected, and have not qualified for one of the above statuses by testing, are classified as Non-Assessed. The risk that they are infected is determined by their location. If you are unsure of your Zone, please contact your local state government animal health office.

Before 1 July 2008, dairy herds located in NSW and Control or Residual Zones are eligible for a default Herd Base Score of 3. After 1 July 2008, dairy herds in NSW and Control or Residual Zones that have not been tested or implemented an auditable hygienic calf rearing program will revert to a Herd Base Score of 0.

PART B - CALF CREDITS

Approved calf rearing programs

Only calves that have been reared under *JDCAP* or the *Three Step Calf Plan* are eligible for calf credits. Individual calves that are classified in an approved BJD control program as having a high risk of being infected are not eligible for calf credits.

PART C - TOTAL SCORE FOR INDIVIDUAL CATTLE

Scores for individual animals are calculated by adding the Herd Base Score from Part A and any eligible calf credits from Part B. Calves reared under *JDCAP* can attain a maximum of Score 7 which is maintained for life eg. base Score 4 + 3 *JDCAP* credit points. The animals must have been reared under the *JDCAP* program for 12 months—although this may not necessarily have been continuous on the same property.