

Pre-Purchase Checklist

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This document is intended as a checklist aid from an animal health perspective to aid in sale/purchase agreements. It is not a certificate.

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 purchased animals confirming description and required identification
- Before the animals leave the farm of origin have they been checked to see that:
 - They are visually healthy (eg free from lameness, swollen joints (arthritis), eye discharges, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease, diarrhoea, ear infections, skin lesions eg ringworm)
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
 - Have any of the animals been pregnancy tested in the last 7 days? Yes No

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- If the animals are pregnant cows have you been advised of calving dates? 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 Unknown 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: _____
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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: _____

Johne's Disease – bacterial disease causing ill-thrift, progressive weight loss and profuse diarrhoea. No cure is available and the condition is eventually fatal.

- What is the Johne's status of the purchased animals? Positive Unknown Negative
 - Have they been tested to confirm cows are Johne's negative? Yes No
 - If yes, ask your agent or supplier to provide a certificate of this.

Other vaccinations (for example salmonella, rotavirus, IBR, clostridial diseases (5 in 1)) –

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

- Have the purchase animals received any dry cow therapy?
 - If yes: Product: _____ Date given: _____
- Have the purchased animals received any mineral (eg magnesium, copper, calcium) or vitamin supplements? Yes No
 - If yes: Product: _____ Date most recently given: _____
- Have the purchased animals received any zinc treatment (for facial eczema)? Yes No
 - If yes: Product: _____ 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 – (milking cows only)

- Have you viewed the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) and mastitis records of the purchased animals? Yes No
 - Has the herd had a Dairy Antibioqram bulk milk test performed in the last 12 months? Yes No
 - If yes, ask your agent or supplier to provide a copy of the lab report for vet interpretation
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Dry Cow-

- Have the animals had dry cow therapy?

Yes No

- If yes, when:

- Product:

- WHP ends:

Meat: _____ Milk: _____

Mycoplasma bovis

GENERAL

- Before confirming the purchase of the animals, ask if clusters of the following signs have occurred on the farm of origin:

- Lameness in adult and young animals, and in particular, swollen joints.
- Incidences of mastitis that have not responded to treatment, especially with watery, yellow milk.
- Cows calving early, the birth of smaller than normal calves, and/or slips and abortions.
- Respiratory disease in calves, particularly pneumonia accompanied by a hacking cough.
- Ear infections in calves, often shown as a droopy ear or head tilt.
- Animals with conjunctivitis, especially calves.

- Before animals of any age leave the farm of origin, have they been checked to see that:

- they are robust and fit for transport, and not showing any lameness or swollen joints Yes No
- they are visually healthy and do not have eye discharges, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease, diarrhoea, ear infections, a head tilt (indicating middle ear infection). Yes No

MASTITIS

- Have you been provided with the Somatic Cell Count (SCC) and mastitis records of the purchased animals? Yes No
- Have you been provided with the treatment records of any cows that have had mastitis? Yes No

From February 2018 MPI has decided to extend the Mycoplasma bovis milk testing into a national milk surveillance programme.

- What is the current Mycoplasma status of the purchased animals?
Positive Unknown Negative
- Are the purchase animals linked to known Infected, Restricted Place notice, Notice of Direction or Trace

_____ & Surveillance farms? Yes Unknown No If Yes which notice? _____

Animal Welfare

- Has the herd had an assessment for tail injuries? Yes No

This should be completed by a veterinarian within 1 month of purchase date with classification being normal, broken, dislocated, docked or other injury

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 (eg Theileria, Digital Dermatitis), or treatments given.

Finally

- Have you received the completed ASD? Yes No
- Have you completed the NAIT records for the movement of these animals? Yes No