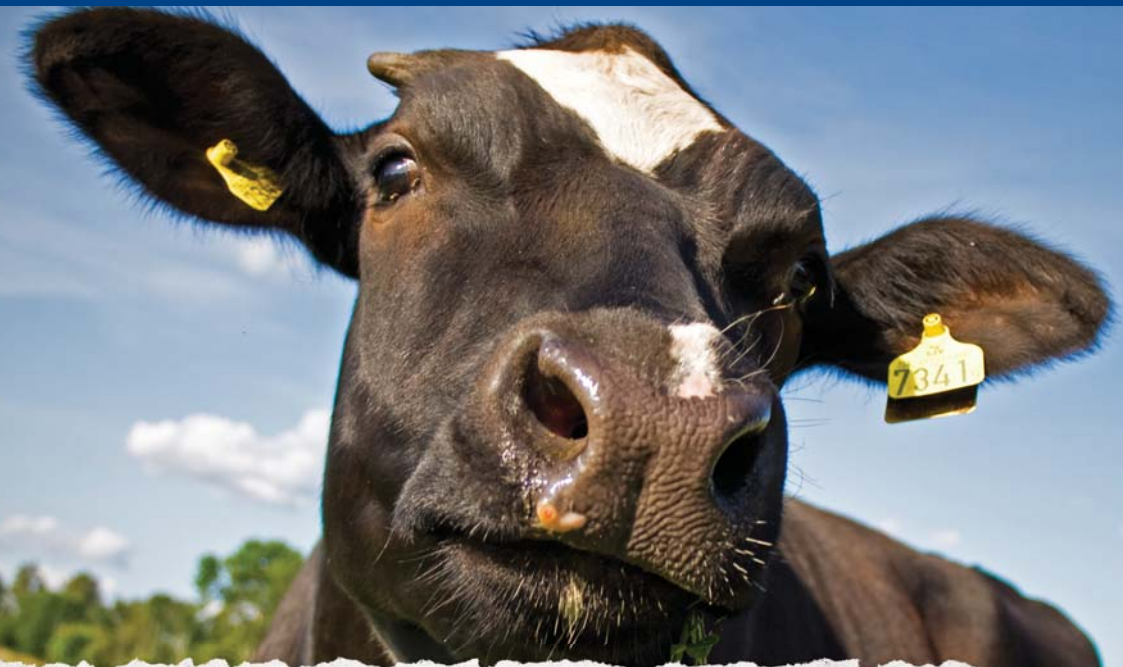


BVD

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects both beef and dairy cattle.



A BVD INFECTION CAN COST THE AVERAGE DAIRY HERD UP TO £15,800 PER YEAR AND A BEEF HERD UP TO £2,400 PER YEAR!*

By tackling BVD you will not only improve the health of your herd but you will also **SAVE MONEY.**

*Figures taken from Scottish estimates based on information from SAC, for more information see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/06/29143957/4>

A Northern Ireland Cattle Health Steering Group has been formed and is currently developing an eradication programme to tackle several cattle production diseases in Northern Ireland.



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Most BVD infections are transient without any clinical signs; often the only noticeable signs of infection are mainly in the effects on an unborn foetus (e.g. foetal loss or deformities). Alternatively, if a cow is infected with the BVD virus within the first 120 days of pregnancy, this may result in the persistent infection of the foetus. Persistently Infected (PI) animals will shed BVD virus at high levels for life and PI animals are therefore the most significant source of infectious BVD virus*.

TO FIND OUT IF YOUR HERD IS SHOWING SIGNS OF BVD ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS*:

- Do you have animals that are not thriving for any reason?
- Do you have more cows that are empty than you should have?
- Do you have unexplained abortions?
- Have you seen birth defects in your calves this year?
- Do your calves have more scours and pneumonia than they should?
- Do sick calves not respond well to treatment?
- Has Mucosal Disease been diagnosed in your herd?

IF THE ANSWER TO SOME OR ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, THEN ACTIVE BVD INFECTION MAY BE IN YOUR HERD.

CONTACT YOUR VET TO DISCUSS WHAT ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

