

The National Johne's Management Plan launched earlier this year to bring consistency and clarity to the control of Johne's disease on farm. In the first of our newsletters, we summarise activity and events that have happened so far.

Who's who?

The Action Group on Johne's is supported by milk purchasers and farming support groups who have come together to create the National Johne's Management Plan.

Steering Group members include:

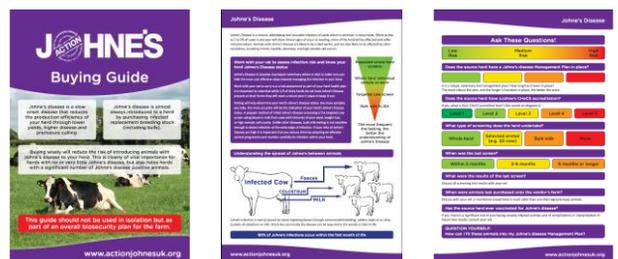


Engaging Farmers

The Delivery Team's focus over the next few months is to help NJMP members to identify where they are in the plan and what support is needed to enable supplying farmers to:

- Assess Johne's risk and status by 1st April 2016
- Choose one of 6 control strategies by 1st October

The DT are operating an email helpline at team@actionjohnes.co.uk although they will be directing farmers to speak with their own vet. Updated materials including leaflets, buyers guide etc. are available at www.actionjohnesuk.org including the AHDB webinar (e.g. below). We will also be supporting vets through development of a Technical Manual following the BCVA webinar.



Be aware and take action - every farm is different but there is a strategy for you to control Johne's disease. Action Johne's is about choosing strategies that meet the needs and aspirations of individual farmers. One of the six strategies for Johne's disease control from the National Johne's Management Plan, worked through with your vet as part of your herd health plan, will help you manage the risk of Johne's disease on farm.

What's been happening with some of our members?



Arla sent out questionnaire to farmers in September to find out how many farmers currently know their Johnes status and whether any have adopted strategies from the NJMP. Approximately 45% of farmers have replied so far. Arla farmers are also being invited to workshops across the country from March to June on calf health and Johnes's.



CIS will start an html newsletter in 2016, with Johnes's disease as one of their lead articles to share key messages. They have launched CHeCS monitoring service for Johnes's, which is proving popular with farmers.



AHDB Dairy: are working with the AJ delivery team to respond to farmer interest in Johnes's disease picked up by the extension team in SW and NW, in particular.



First Milk: Their core groups supplying Nestle are working on a fast track programme to implement the National Johnes Management plan. 80% of farmers have so far returned their declaration forms which have been signed off by their farm vets confirming they understand their Johnes status and have a control strategy in place.



Muller Wiseman sent an initial questionnaire and letter out in Feb 2015. 85% of their 1150 farmers have confirmed their status and are testing in one form or other. The questionnaire has been followed up with meetings, attended by Karen Bond. Muller are approaching the 15% of farmers who have not declared their status to query why and offer support.



NML will be following on from the success of the 2014/15 30 Cow Challenge by encouraging farmers to move towards risk based testing and management. This will be done by the provision of a risk assessment tool and further farmer meetings.



My Healthy Herd: A NJMP module has been developed for robust management and tracking of JD management; abstracts have also been submitted to World Buiatrics



DCD is encouraging all of its members to complete a whole herd Johnes screening, and to agree with their vet a Johnes protocol, and to return a vet signed declaration by 29th Feb 16



DCD Davidstow members - 100% of the membership have completed a vet signed JD protocol declaration, and are now embarking on Year Two of the same process with encouragement for all to complete a whole herd screening, to be completed by 29th Feb 16.



OMSCo – 100% of farmers are signed up to be a part of the NJMP and know the status of their herd – their 250 members have all signed up.