

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 our newsletters, we summarise activity and events that have happened so far.

Phase 1 Part b

We are now moving into part b of the first phase of the NJMP. Having found out, or being in the process of finding out whether Johne's is present, farmers now need to select one of the six Johne's strategies to either keep Johne's out or control it on farm. We're hoping that 80% of farmers in the UK will have completed this by 30 September 2016.

Phase 2

DairyUK are inviting ideas with regard to what Phase 2 of the National Johne's Management Plan could look like from 1 October 2016. For full details of the plan, visit our website at www.actionjohnesuk.org. Please email your suggestions to team@actionjohnes.co.uk

Website Updates

We have made lots of updates to our website recently with case studies and resources now readily available. All leaflets and newsletters provided by us can now be accessed and can be downloaded. Visit: www.actionjohnesuk.org/johnes-resources to get your copies now.

New members!

Lanchester Dairies have just signed up to join the National Johne's Management Plan. For a full list of members, please visit our website.

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BCVA Johne's Training

The BCVA Johne's disease accredited training programme is now live. To be sure that as many vets as possible are up to speed with the details of Johne's management, the control strategies, and the national Action Johne's initiative, the National Johne's Action Group has teamed together with the BCVA to develop an online training course. Vets who pass the course will gain the status of "BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor". For more information please visit our website.



Case Studies

Over the past few months NJMP members have been finding out the status of their herd and taking on a Johne's strategy. We have case studies for most of the strategies.

Working with their vet Andrew Crutchley, Stuart Webster and his herdsman John Hind who farm 170 pedigree Holsteins near Kendal have adopted Strategy 3 'Improved Farm Management and Strategic Testing'; Stuart explains, "The testing provides ongoing reassurance and as a closed herd breeding all their own replacements it is important to guarantee the next generation of heifers have no underlying health issues".

To read more, go to our control strategies page on the website.



Stuart, John and Andrew Webster

Where are we this summer?

Look out for the Action Johne's team at an event near you this summer: we'll also be at The Livestock Event and UK Dairy Days

New milk purchaser members are signing up to support the National Johne's Action Group all the time. Member news includes:



BV Dairy has sent out questionnaires to all their supplying farms to find out who knows their Johne's disease status and to assess which strategies are in place. A few farms are still in the process of completing their 30 cow screen to confirm their herd status. The Johne's programme has been very well received across the board; there's lots of positive work being done on farm and with vets.



Longley Farm first met with their suppliers in June 2015 to explain membership of the NJMP. Farmers were sent an information pack followed by visits to discuss Johne's Disease with regard to their farm. Most suppliers are on target and know their Johne's status. A meeting is being scheduled in May in partnership with a local vet practice to support suppliers in their next steps.