

The National Johne's Management Plan launched to bring consistency and clarity to the control of Johne's disease on farm.

### Open Day at the Milnes

We had a fantastic day at the Action Johne's Open Day at East Pitforthie Farm in Brechin, Scotland.

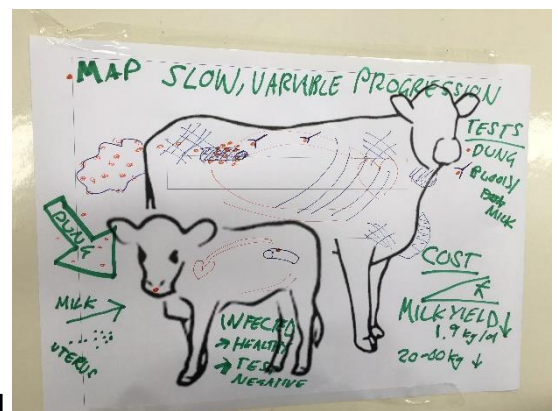
The day started with Ian Milne giving an introduction to the farm, explaining what implications Johne's disease has had on his farm and how they as a family have managed to overcome Johne's issues. Mr Milne has superb success rate in lowering the number of cows with Johne's disease from 35% to 2%, which has been achieved through using the **Improved Farm Management: Test and Cull** control strategy of the National Action Johne's Management Plan.



Tim Geraghty, Centre Manager for SAC in Aberdeen then gave an in depth talk on the cycle of Johne's disease including how it can start, how it spreads from cow to cow, how the disease can then advance into becoming a debilitating problem, to a widespread disease ending in death if not controlled in the first instance. This included a review of the biosecurity hotspots on farm and what to look out for to rectify the problem.

Katie Adam's from SRUC then led on from this giving a brief of the history of the background behind Action Johne's and the Paraban scheme. Throughout Scotland the Paraban scheme found that through industry collaboration Johne's disease was able to be tackled by using the correct approach. This has been echoed by the National Johne's Management Plan promoting the control of Johne's disease throughout Britain.

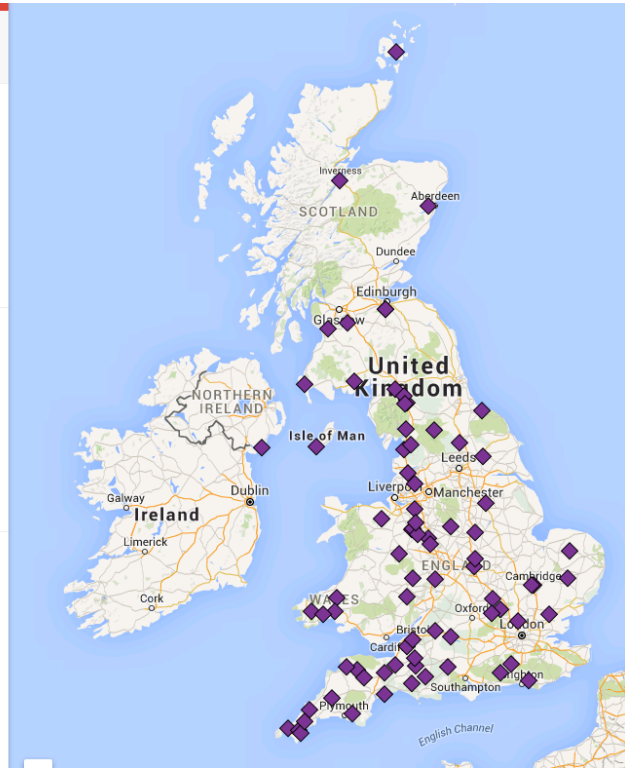
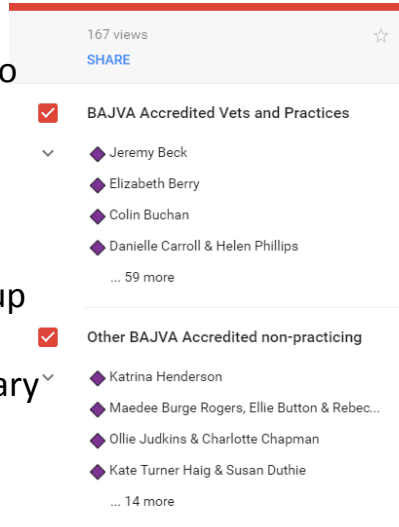
Mr Milne then gave a tour of the farm showing the systems they have in place, including the ear tag categorisation they use to decipher which cows have a history of Johne's. This three colour tag system uses a white tag that indicates an animal classed as clear, a blue tag shows the grand-dam tested positive for Johne's disease and a yellow tag to show the animal was snatch calved.



### BCVA training

Building consistency to the strategies we use on-farm for Johne's control, the British Cattle Veterinary Association have set up a webinar series to help train the veterinary sector.

An interactive map, listing the Johne's Disease approved veterinary advisors can be seen on our website: [www.actionjohnesuk.org](http://www.actionjohnesuk.org)



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



**Crediton Dairies** joined the National Johne's Management Plan in June this year and are looking forward to helping support their farmers in Johne's control measures.

**For a full list of supporters, please visit our website. We now have 22 milk purchasers with us!**

### AND THE STORY SO FAR?

The milk purchasers who are on board so far have reported that 79% of their farmers already know their Johne's status and will next work through which strategy they will adopt to help manage Johne's disease on farm. Our target in this first phase is for 80% of farmers to know their status by 30 September 2016 – so we're on track with those who have replied so far – though more results to come in!