



Irish Johne's Control Programme Now open to all dairy herds

The Irish dairy industry has taken a significant step in developing a long-term approach to the control of Johne's disease. Phase Two of the Irish Johne's Control Programme (IJCP) is a long-term and sustainable approach to the control of Johne's disease with stakeholders agreeing to jointly fund a range of activities for four years.

Registration is now open to all dairy herdowners. To register [click here](#).

ABOUT PHASE TWO OF THE PROGRAMME-HERD LEVEL ACTIVITIES

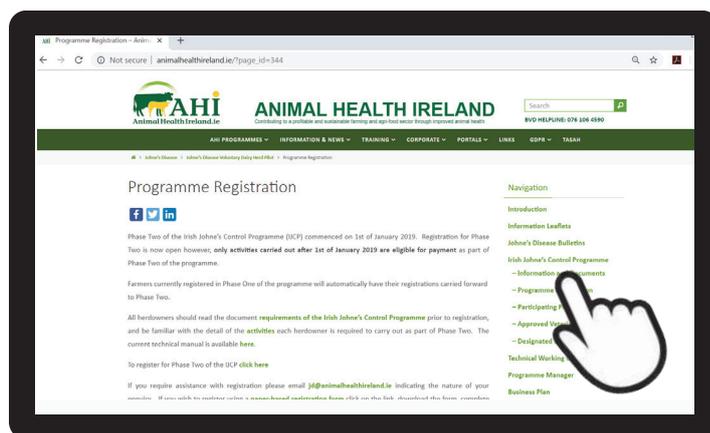
The IJCP provides pathways for test-negative and test-positive herds over a four year period.

The programme will also provide participating farmers with access through ICBF to an objective measure of the progress that each registered herd is making in controlling Johne's disease.

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

Herd owners are required to complete:

- Regular Veterinary Risk Assessments and Management Plans (VRAMPs) undertaken by approved veterinary practitioners (AVPs).
- An annual herd test (**one blood** or **one milk sample** per eligible animal) for all herds in 2019.
- Ancillary testing of faecal samples (by PCR) following ELISA test-positive results in herds where infection has not already been confirmed (by previous faecal-positive result).
- A veterinary investigation, funded through the Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health (TASAH), following positive ancillary test results.



FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

The cost of the VRAMP, plus ancillary testing and a TASAH investigation where required, will be met by DAFM. Milk processors are providing financial support for whole herd testing for three years (test-negative pathway) or four years (test-positive pathway).

In 2019, the level of financial support available to all herdowners, whether new entrants for 2019 or already in the programme in Phase One will be €2.75 per eligible animal tested in 2019. This level of support will be maintained for herds in the test-positive pathway. For herds in the test negative pathway, processors will provide €2.06 and €1.38 in the second and third years [click here](#). For herds following the test negative pathway, the programme will move to a maintenance phase after 4 years of test negative testing, with a reduced intensity of testing.

In addition to herd level activities, Phase Two of the programme retains a commitment to enhanced communication and the continuation of Farmer Awareness Seminars. Contact your milk processor for details.

Farmers currently registered in Phase One of the programme will automatically have their registration from Phase One carried forward to Phase Two. **There is no need to re-register.**

The Irish Johne's Control Programme recognises the value of effective and on-going disease prevention and containment practices to control the spread of a significant and endemic disease of cattle. For more information about effective Johne's prevention and control strategies [click here](#).