

Prevention of spread of *Mycoplasma Bovis* between farms in the Waikato

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Target Audience

ALL STAFF

Key Issues

Description:

Mycoplasma bovis is a bacterium that can cause a range of quite serious conditions in cattle. It does not infect humans and presents no food safety risk.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has recently announced that this infection has been found on a Waikato farm in the Cambridge area.

All infected farms are under strict legal controls under the Biosecurity Act which require comprehensive cleaning and disinfection before leaving the property.

Farmers should be using routine on-farm biosecurity practices to minimise risk to their animals. Comply with the farm's cleaning and disinfection requirements to help minimise risk.



Requirements when visiting farms:

- Don't arrive unannounced. Let the farmer know you plan to visit their farm and ask what their requirements are.
- Work with the farmer to comply with any farm biosecurity requirements.
- You may be asked to clean and disinfect footwear, protective clothing and equipment before coming on the farm and again before leaving the farm.

**For more
information**

Visit the MPI biosecurity website

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/mycoplasma-bovis/>