

GUIDELINES TO ACHIEVING HERD ACCREDITATION

This table provides general guidelines on the testing rules. For further information and specific recommendations for your herd, please discuss with your vet and HiHealth Herdcare.



Disease	Testing Requirement	Time Interval Between Tests	Requirement for Accreditation	Maintaining Accreditation
BVD	<p>Antibody check test on 5 animals from each management group of animals 9–18 months for antibody. Consult CHeCS rules for definition of separate groups.</p> <p>OR Test all calves born over a 12-month period for virus.</p> <p>In addition bulk milk antibody testing in dairy herds not vaccinating against BVD.</p>	<p>12-month interval between antibody check tests.</p> <p>Calf virus testing ongoing throughout year.</p> <p>Quarterly bulk milk tests. If main bulk tank antibody positive test sample from 1st lactation heifers only – see CHeCS rules.</p>	<p>2 clear tests, 1 on each of 2 subsequent calf crops.</p> <p>OR 2 clear calf crops. Every calf born must be tested.</p> <p>Negative herd or 1st lactation bulk tests.</p>	<p>Annual youngstock check test.</p> <p>OR Continuing negative virus screens of every calf born.</p> <p>In addition bulk milk testing can be used to monitor dairy herds (not compulsory).</p>
IBR	Antibody test all animals 12 months and over plus all younger non-home-bred animals.	1–12 months	2 clear tests	Antibody testing on a statistical sample of animals 12 months and older – see CHeCS rules for further details.
Leptospirosis	Antibody test all animals in the herd 2 years and over plus animals between 1 and 2 years old that are to be kept for breeding.	6–12 months	2 clear tests	Breeding bulls, and for IBR all non-home-bred and marker vaccinated animals must additionally be tested. In dairy herds milking animals are not included in the sample but are monitored through quarterly bulk milk tests.
Johne's Disease	Antibody test all animals in the herd 2 years and over. Follow-up blood/dung tests on any antibody positive animals.	12 months	A herd is assigned a Risk Level according to the percentage of reactors identified - see CHeCS rules for further details. 3 clear annual tests allow Risk Level 1 status.	
Neospora	Antibody test all females in the herd 2 years and over plus females between 1 and 2 years old that are to be kept for breeding and any purchased females.	12 months	A herd is assigned a Risk Level according to the percentage of reactors identified - see CHeCS rules for further details. 3 clear annual tests allow Risk Level 1 status.	
<p>Bovine TB CHeCS herd accreditation is also available through HiHealth Herdcare. A herd is given a TB score based on the last 10 years of TB test data supplied by APHA. The CHeCS Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) Herd Accreditation Programme details, and the CHeCS Technical Document incorporating rules for cattle health schemes, are available at http://www.checs.co.uk/about-us/downloads/</p>				