

2018 Hawkes Bay Royal Show

Cattle section biosecurity policy

Risk

The decision by MPI to eradicate *Mycoplasma bovis* (M.Bovis) and implement movement control on at-risk farms, has caused considerable concern regarding showing animals. However, the risk of M.Bovis being spread at shows by healthy animals, not from properties under restrictions is low.

Source MPI:

- Healthy animals are very low risk for transmission
- Transmission animal to animal outside of milk requires prolonged and repeated contact
- Animal dung is low risk due to low levels of organism present

It is the decision of the show and the cattle committee to continue with the cattle section of the show in 2018 as the genuine risk of disease transmission is minimal. Although, all possible measures will be taken to reduce the risk of disease transmission during the show- as nothing can be guaranteed until national tracing is completed. The Hawkes Bay A & P society are motivated to do all we can to protect you as exhibitors but at the end of the day, you do enter at your own risk. As a result, the public will be excluded from the showing and stabling areas. We would appreciate co-operation from the exhibitors for the duration of the show and encourage you to clean your equipment and bring your own cleaning equipment.

Key actions will be;

- Appointing a cattle biosecurity officer
- Enforcing the strict biosecurity policy

Protocol

This protocol is endorsed by MPI and has the full support of the HB Show Cattle and Executive committees. A summary copy of which will be displayed around stalls and show ring.

Entry

Information required from exhibitors

- The office will create a spreadsheet that will capture details from exhibitors collected with entries that will be cross referenced for checking all animals onto the showgrounds
- There will be no late entries (or replacements) or animals permitted on grounds that haven't been entered prior
- The exhibitor is responsible for initiating a sending movement to the Hawke's Bay A & P Show site to NAIT prior to leaving their farm
- The Hawke's Bay A & P Show's NAIT number is 444170.
- If this is not completed the Hawke's Bay A & P Society can refuse or remove the exhibitor entries
- All animals must be:
 - Departing from a property that is registered with a NAIT number and TBfree NZ herd number
 - Accompanied with a copy of a valid Animal Status Declaration (ASD) form
 - Fitted with a valid NAIT RFID tag and registered in the NAIT system
 - Registered in a movement to the event NAIT number from the animals current NAIT number prior to departing the farm
 - Registered in a return movement from the event NAIT number to their destination (receiving NAIT number) within 48 hours of departure
- All stock over 90 days of age travelling from within a TBfree Movement Control Area must be pre-movement tested with 60 days of arriving at the event

Exhibitor	
Property pica number	
NAIT number	
Number wrist bands required	

Animal Name	Herdbook number	EID (NAIT) number	NAIT registered?
Clover Hills Jess P001	10489111151	982 123476623320	Yes

On Entry

Entry of all animals onto the showgrounds will be managed at the respective dairy and beef section loading ramps by the appointed biosecurity officer.

- Exhibitor's must process their intention to transport ahead of show to co-ordinate entry onto Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tomoana
- Send your NAIT number to the Hawke's Bay A & P Society
- ASD forms must be supplied on entry to the Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tomoana
- Animals to be wanded and checked against animal EID numbers submitted by exhibitors
 - Animals that arrive without entry form notice will be refused entry to the showgrounds
 - Animals that arrive without an NAIT ear tag will be refused entry to the showgrounds
 - With any animal that needs to be removed the costs will be passed on to that exhibitor
- Exhibitors must use allocated Dairy and Beef loading ramps and must use the designated washing facilities for cleaning animals, transport ramps as soon as practically possible
- Cattle exhibitor wrist bands will be issued following submission of entries and must be worn at all times, or you may be refused entry to the showing and stabling areas.
- Designated camping/vehicle areas are available for (segregated) dairy and beef sections

Exclusion of animals showing clinical signs

- Cattle showing clinical signs of infection will not be allowed entry to the show
- Cattle with conjunctivitis or evidence of recent infection – eye lesions
- A cough, or a discharge from either the nose or eye.
- Lameness or a swollen joint
- Evidence of current or recent mastitis
- A head tilt.

Hygiene

- All access points to stalls will have a wash facility with citric acid and scrubbing brushes
- Wash bays will have a wash facility with citric acid and scrubbing brushes
- A knapsack with citric acid will be available for use if necessary
- Vehicles must be sprayed on entry to, and exit from, cattle area
- Appointed biosecurity officer will actively monitor hygiene of exhibitors

Stalls

- Cattle stalls will be closed to the general public
- Stalls will be disinfected with citric acid prior to cattle arriving
- Beef & Dairy to have stalls physically separated with completely separated access points for the duration of the show
- No cattle will be allowed nose to nose with animals from other herds. Plywood will be tacked up where necessary to ensure separation

- There is to be no use of Showgrounds Hawke's Bay Tomoana troughs. Exhibitors must supply own water buckets
- A dung pile will be designated for mucking out. No heaps in the aisles. Designated biosecurity officer to monitor
- All animals must have a double tie, this includes halter and a neck strap. Security of animals is important

Wash Bay

- Beef & Dairy sections to have separate wash bays (dairy located beside milking parlor) and beef as usual
- Wash bays to have blocks with separators to maintain 2m distance between exhibitors' animals
- Bays to be sprayed down with citric acid and hosed between exhibitors

Milking Area

- All milking equipment that comes in contact with the cow must be cleaned and sanitized between exhibitors

Show Ring

- Show ring will be closed to the general public
- A physical barrier will be created between beef & dairy rings
- A laneway will be created to enter and exit show ring (separate one each for both beef and dairy)
- No cattle to be tied up outside the stabling area. Stewards to closely marshal the ring entry from the stalls
- A distance of 2 meters will be clear around a given exhibitors' animal/s (front, back and sides) at all times. Steward to actively monitor and assist judge in handling ring to reflect this
- Judging will be able to be completed without touching animals, therefore all judges, stewards and public will not be permitted to touch animals
- Hand sanitizer to be made available to all
- Ribbons to be handed to exhibitors- not to be placed on animals. The exhibitor or handler may place the ribbon on the animal

Classes

- No kids' calf classes

Grand Parade

- There will be no cattle in this year's Grand Parade