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CattleMAP is the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle.

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CattleMAP is a voluntary, industry-driven, national program to identify, protect and promote herds that have a low risk of being infected with bovine Johne's disease (BJD). Herds that have an 'Infected' or 'Suspect' status are ineligible to enter CattleMAP.



Figure 1. The National Johne's Disease Program logo.

The CattleMAP program

The program involves an approved veterinarian (of the herd owner's choice) blood testing cattle over two years of age in the herd. After the herd has tested negative and management strategies have been adopted to minimise the risk of infection, the herd is given a Monitored Negative 1 (MN1) status. This status is valid for two years, after which the herd can remain at MN1 by maintenance testing. This requires blood testing 50 adult cattle, every second year.

Alternatively, owners can choose to progress to MN2, and eventually MN3 status, by more rigorous testing. In addition to blood testing, all MAP herds require an annual veterinary audit to review herd management practices.

CattleMAP requires a high level of herd and property management to protect the herd from introduction of BJD. Good animal husbandry, stock movement that cattle traders and owners who regularly introduce cattle would be able to participate in this program.

While the CattleMAP does not guarantee that a herd is free of BJD, the higher the status, the greater the assurance that the herd is not infected. CattleMAP gives buyers confidence that the cattle they purchase have a low risk of having BJD.



Figure 2. CattleMAP provides assurance that BJD is not likely to be in a herd.

Local, interstate and international markets are demanding quality assurance for livestock and livestock products. CattleMAP makes these markets more accessible.

Contacts/Services available from DPI

Further information about CattleMAP can be obtained from Animal Health staff at your nearest DPI office, your private veterinarian or from the Animal Health Australia web site at www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au

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