

2020 Wanaka A&P 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 2020 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 Wanaka 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 Wanaka Show Cattle and Executive committees. A summary copy of which will be displayed around tie-ups 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 Wanaka A & P Show site to NAIT prior to leaving their farm
- The Wanaka A & P Show's NAIT number is 480901
- If this is not completed the Wanaka 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 TB free 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 TB Free Movement Control Area must be pre-movement tested with 60 days of arriving at the event

On Entry

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

- Exhibitor's must process their intention to transport ahead of show to co-ordinate entry onto Wanaka Showgrounds
- Send your NAIT number to the Wanaka A & P Society
- ASD forms must be supplied on entry to the Wanaka Showgrounds
- 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 Beef loading ramp 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.

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

- Wash bays will have a wash facility with citric acid and scrubbing brushes
- 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 tie-ups will be closed to the general public
- Tie-ups will be disinfected with citric acid prior to cattle arriving
- Tie-ups will be 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
- Exhibitors must supply own water buckets
- A dung pile will be designated for mucking out. 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

- 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

Show Ring

- Show ring will be closed to the general public
- A laneway will be created to enter and exit show ring
- 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 cattle in this year's Grand Parade with a gap between Studs.