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***Mycoplasma bovis* detection in New Zealand**

Mycoplasma bovis is a bacterium that causes illness in cattle, including udder infection (mastitis), abortion, pneumonia, and arthritis. It does not infect humans and presents no food safety risk.

This disease is present worldwide, and is not considered a disease of relevance to trade by the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE). There are no regulatory restrictions for meat and dairy products due to *Mycoplasma bovis*.

Extensive national surveillance is underway to determine the distribution of *Mycoplasma bovis* in New Zealand. To prevent further spread of the disease, the Ministry for Primary Industries have put in place strict controls and are developing plans with farmers for animals from the known infected farms.

Information can be found on the MPI website:

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