

This declaration should be completed with support from a BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Adviser.

Herd Status: Please indicate which testing method has been used to <u>determine</u> herd status (in the last 12 months)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):		<input type="checkbox"/> Whole herd screen	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Random 60 cow sample	
<i>Please note: Bulk milk testing and targeted 30 cow screens are NOT acceptable under the NJMP</i>			
Average Test Value (ATV) from last year: _____			
Average Test Value (ATV) from this year: _____			
Control Strategy: Please indicate which strategy <u>you have agreed to adopt</u> within your written Johne's disease management plan			
<input type="checkbox"/> Biosecurity protect and monitor		<input type="checkbox"/> Improved farm management test and cull	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved farm management		<input type="checkbox"/> Breed to terminal sire	
<input type="checkbox"/> Improved farm management and strategic testing		<input type="checkbox"/> Firebreak vaccination	
<i>Please note: Only ONE strategy should be selected</i>			
Veterinary Declaration: I, <u>as a certified BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor</u> , can confirm that an assessment of Johne's disease risk and status has been undertaken on this farm in the last 12 months and that with the herd owner, we have reviewed and agreed upon the written Johne's management plan which includes the following SMART (Specific Measurable Achievable Relevant and Time Bound) priorities: 1. SMART priority: Target completion date: 2. SMART priority: Target completion date: 3. SMART priority: Target completion date: In my opinion the plan complies with the objectives of the National Johne's Management Plan. To find your BAJVA registration number visit: www.actionjohnesuk.org/bajva/			
Signed			
Print name		Date	
Vet practice name		BAJVA number	
Vet practice address and postcode			
Farmer Declaration: I confirm that an assessment of Johne's disease risk and status has been undertaken on this farm in the last 12 months in conjunction with a BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor and that the necessary management protocols, equipment, husbandry and resources are being implemented to adhere to the chosen control strategy, and I undertake to adopt the written Johne's disease management plan and act upon the priorities identified above.			
Signed			
Print name		Date	
Farm name		Supplier number (if applicable)	
Farm address and postcode			

A signed declaration should be obtained annually in conjunction with a BAJVA, and a copy must be shared with your milk purchaser by 31st December each year (or the date otherwise stated by your milk purchaser). Please ensure a copy is also retained on farm with your herd health management plan.

Steps required to complete the Johne's Declaration

To satisfy the requirements of the National Johne's Management Plan (NJMP), there are three steps that should be completed on-farm with a BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor (BAJVA):

1. Know your Johne's disease risks

Farmers and their BAJVA need to know their risk status for Johne's disease to enable development of a robust plan to keep the disease out or, manage the infection if present. An effective assessment of the risks of entry and spread in a herd should be carried out by a BAJVA as part of a farm visit, as it is important to get a good feel for what happens on the farm on a day to day basis in terms of biosecurity (to prevent disease entry) and biocontainment (to prevent disease spread).

2. Know your Johne's disease status and ATV

Farmers and their BAJVA also need to know the herds Johne's status. Testing to establish herd status and ATV should be carried out at least annually.

There are two options to establish a herd level ATV; they are shown in order of reliability from low to high:

- **Random 60 cow sample:** 60 cows are selected at random from the herd (regardless of herd size) and tested for antibodies. This allows calculation of an **estimated** ATV. It should be noted that whilst this will give a value for ATV management changes will be need to control Johne's. Further testing may also be necessary.
- **Whole herd screen:** All animals in milk are tested and a herd ATV calculated. This should be carried out annually, or more frequently if appropriate. These results can be used to facilitate individual cow management for Johne's control.

Selecting the most appropriate testing for a herd is based on the BAJVAs clinical judgement.

3. Create a written Johne's disease management plan

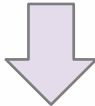
There are six control strategies within the NJMP, one of the six strategies will suit every farm. The farmer and BAJVA should select the most appropriate strategy for the farm, taking into consideration farmer aspiration and the reality on farm. The control strategies are:

1. Biosecurity Protect and Monitor
2. Improved Farm Management
3. Improved Farm Management and Strategic Testing
4. Improved Farm Management Test and Cull
5. Breed to Terminal Sire
6. Firebreak Vaccination

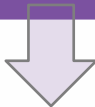
Within the chosen strategy there will then be a list of tasks which will need to be undertaken to make that strategy work, these should be included by the BAJVA in a written Johne's disease management plan specific for the farm.

More information can be found about each control strategy on the Action Johne's website: <https://actionjohnesuk.org/control-strategies/>

1. Risk assessment to know your Johne's disease risks



2. Testing to establish your Johne's disease status



3. Create a written Johne's disease management plan

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Additional information on the control strategies and the NJMP is available on the **Action Johne's website** and **within the BAJVA Technical Manual**.
- A **BCVA Accredited Johne's Veterinary Advisor (BAJVA)** is a veterinary surgeon who has re-validated their BAJVA status or completed the online BCVA training modules. **BAJVA numbers** can be found on the Action Johne's website.
- **ALL THREE** steps must be completed and understood by the farmer and BAJVA, **within the 12 months prior** to the date of signature on the declaration.
- These steps should be reviewed and completed **annually**.
- Bulk milk testing and 30 cow screens are **NOT acceptable** under the NJMP.
- Only **ONE control strategy** should be used at any time, but the most appropriate strategy may change over time.
- By signing the document as a veterinary surgeon you are confirming that you are a BAJVA and have complied with the requirements of the NJMP.