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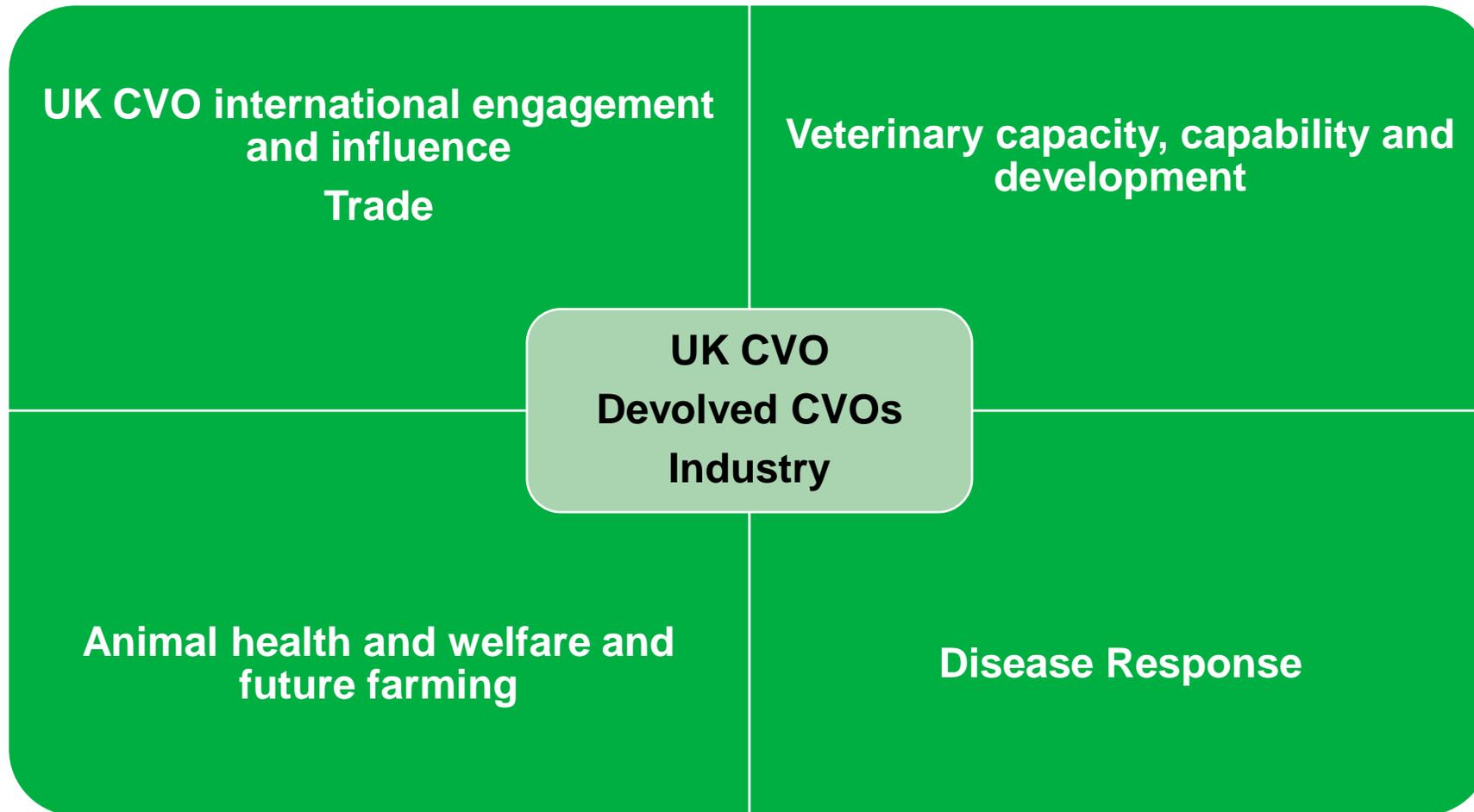


Working for British Dairy Farmers

UK CVO update on animal health and welfare Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers

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UK CVO priorities



Exotic and notifiable disease

What's the Risk? Is it Over?

Why take action?

Animal Health and Welfare Strategy:

- Public health impacts
- Animal welfare impacts
- Economic and wider society impacts
- Trade impacts

CVO Role:

- Leadership of exotic animal disease outbreak
- Technical advice to Ministers and wider Government
- Prevent, Prepare, Detect, Respond – effective identification and management of animal biosecurity



International Disease Monitoring

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Animal and Plant Health Agency
Veterinary & Science Policy Advice Team - International Disease Monitoring**

Updated Outbreak Assessment #3

Bluetongue virus (BTV-4) in France

9th May 2018

Ref: VITT/1200 BTV-4 in France

Disease Report

UK Surveillance Forum

Robust surveillance systems

Provide the evidence base to back up our UK position as a global leader in animal health and welfare
Underpin our national credibility with trading partners
Protect public health

UK Surveillance Forum

Provides a structure and direction to develop a single view of the UK's animal health status, the evidence to assure this status, and our approach to the identification of new and emerging threats.

This approach is essential to the future of UK animal health and welfare, trade and protection of public health

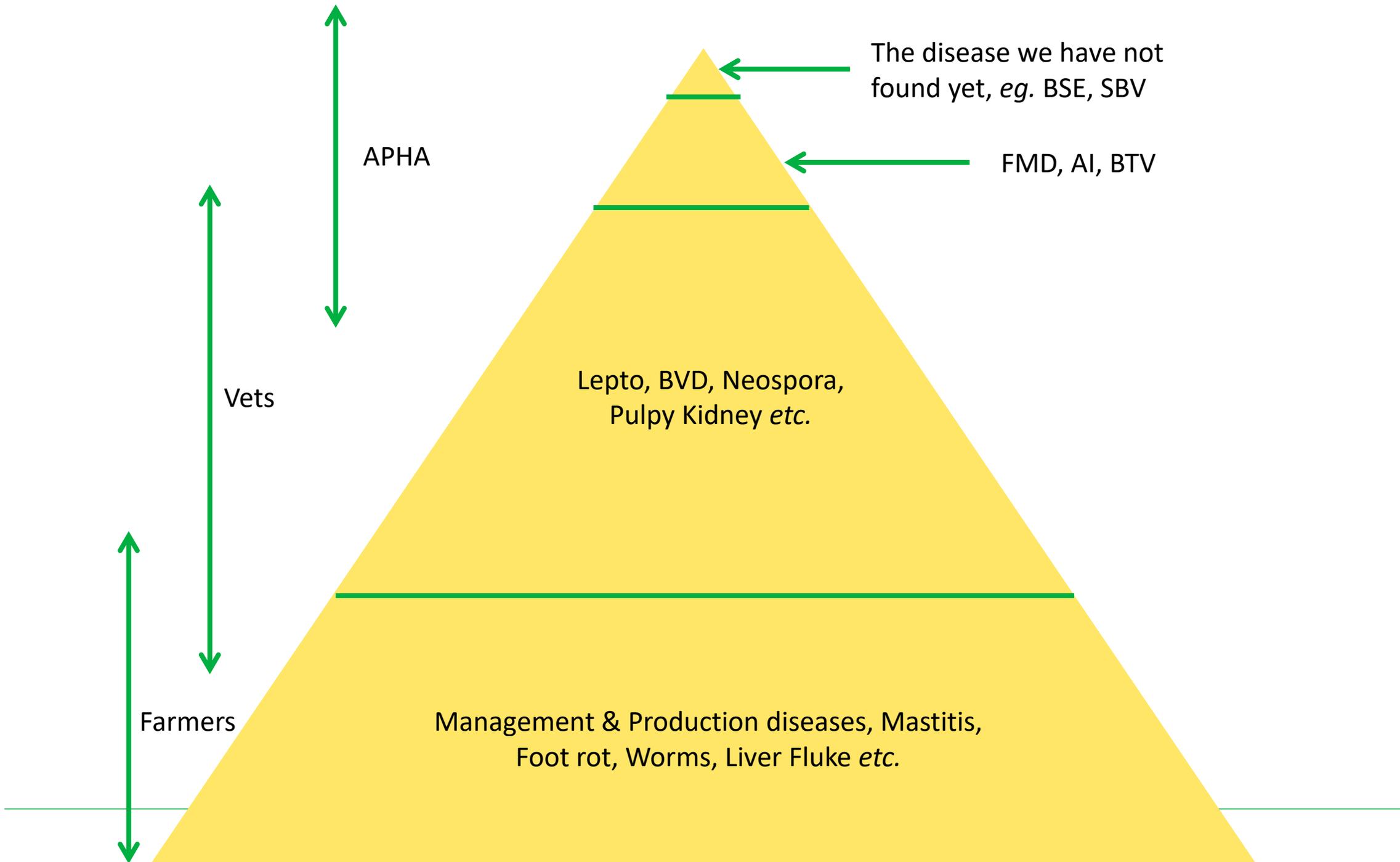


Cattle Surveillance Dashboard

Number of Diagnoses

(Click on a diagnosis to see which counties the cases came from. You can select multiple diseases by holding down the Ctrl key. Use the Quick Search above for an alphabetical list with tick box selection.)

Johne's Disease	237
Cryptosporidiosis	35
Fascioliasis	31
BVD Persistently Infected	28
Rotavirus	27
Bleeding calf syndrome / Idiopathic haemorrhagic dia..	25
Hypogammagloblinaemia	23
Malignant catarrhal fever	23
Hyposelenaemia	22

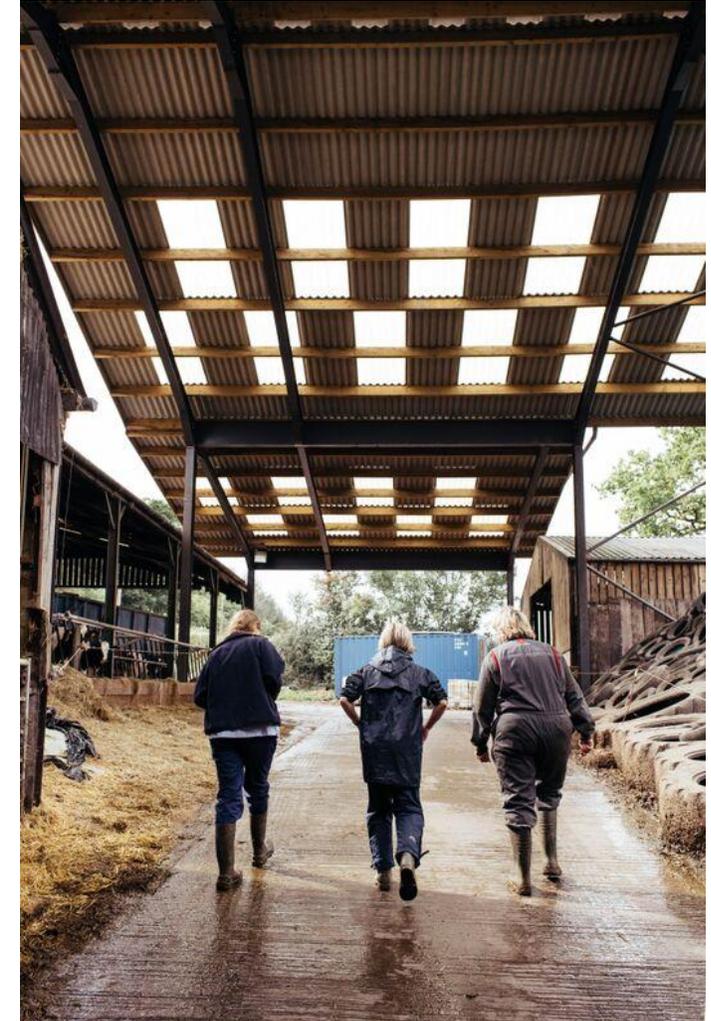


The future- cattle ID and traceability: Livestock Information Programme

- **Accurate and timely livestock movement information means**
 - faster decision making
 - decision making targeted at true movement of disease
 - This is relevant to both exotic and endemic disease

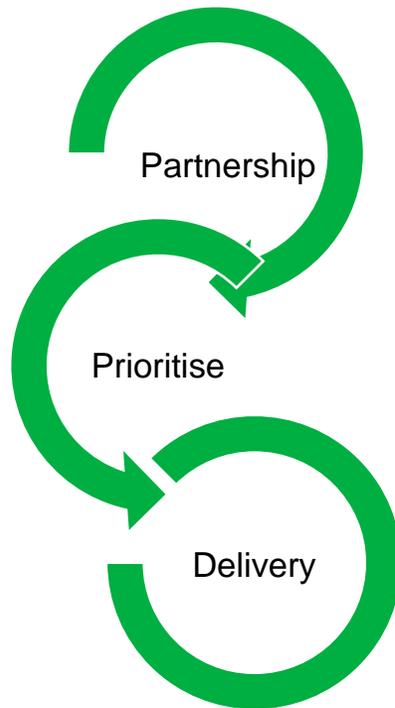
- **LIP and future animal health**
 - Risk based trading
 - Disease eradication schemes
 - Genetic improvement to improve disease resistance
 - Improved efficiency eg. faster TB testing

- **Government want to work with industry**
- **Dame Glenys Stacey Review – separate regulator**



Animal Health and Future Farming

What next: Deliver industry led reduction in endemic disease to improve productivity and reduce antibiotic use.



Based on earlier discussions with industry and feedback from *Health and Harmony* , this might involve:

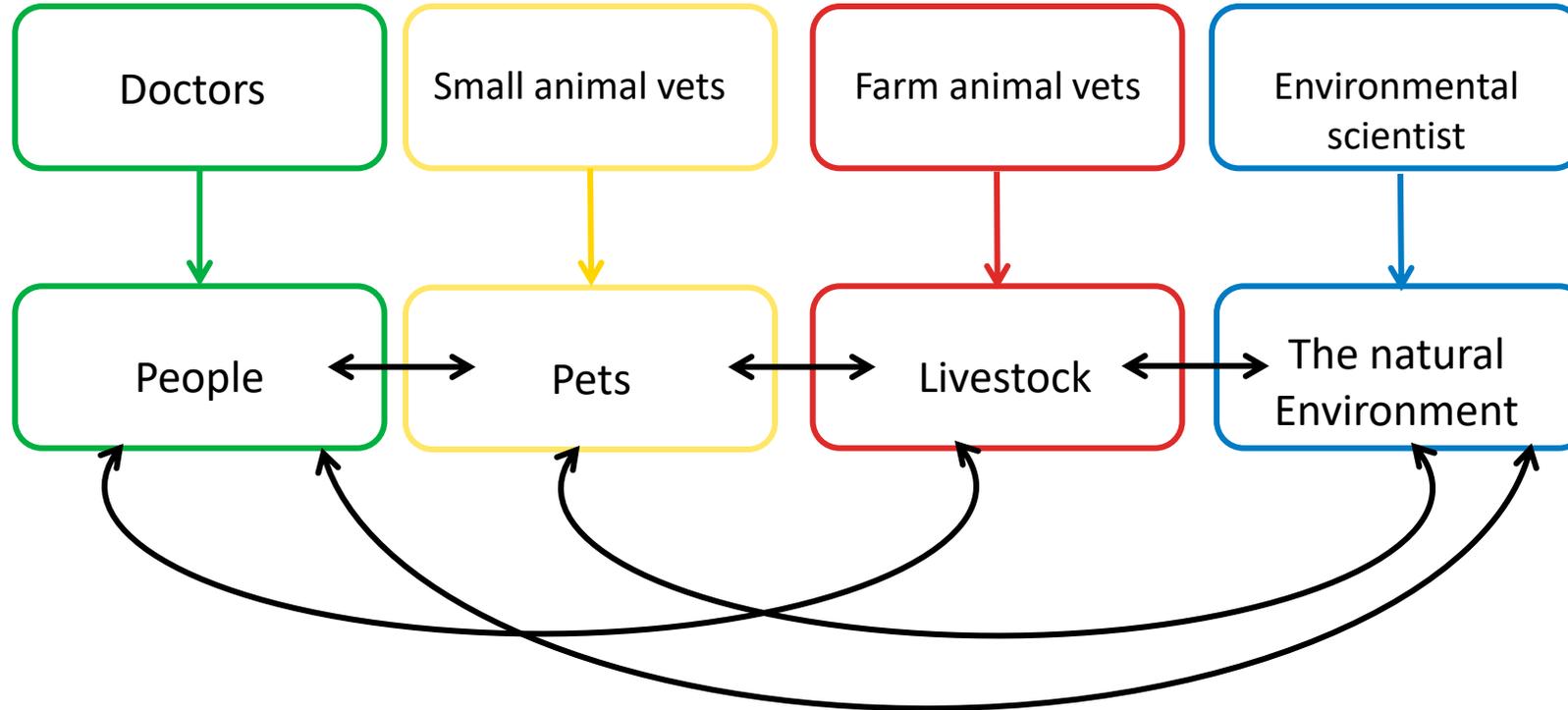
- Working in partnership with industry to ensure delivery
 - Work with industry to improve animal health on farm and agree endemic disease priorities
 - Support industry to deliver those improvements and reduce endemic disease using a range of tools
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TB – Godfray Review

- EU Exit : won't fundamentally change the Government's strategy to eradicate TB in England, but potential opportunities
- Need to improve sensitivity of tests and how they are used
- Greater focus on better informed risk-based trading including increase in post-movement testing of cattle would help better inform farmers' purchasing decisions.
- Industry must take greater responsibility for on-farm controls, biosecurity and safe trading practices to stop the disease spreading.
- An Evidence shows that badgers do transmit bovine TB to cattle and contribute to the persistence of the disease.
- A new independent body on disease control would be helpful to take over disease control operations from APHA, Natural England and local authorities.



Antimicrobial resistance and a One Health approach



New UK AMR Strategy: 20 year vision & 5 year National Action Plan

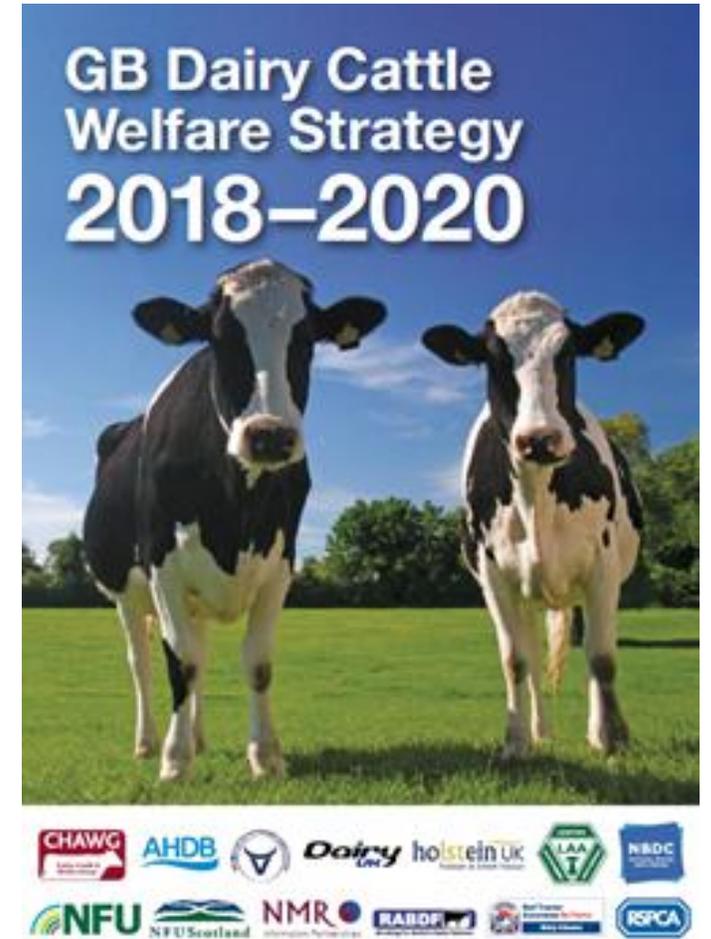


Welfare

2016 EU Commission audit

We had a successful outcome to the Commission's audit of dairy cattle in September 2016 with no recommendations, due in no small part to the contribution the industry made to the visit. The auditors were very complimentary about the industry's initiatives to help improve cattle health and welfare

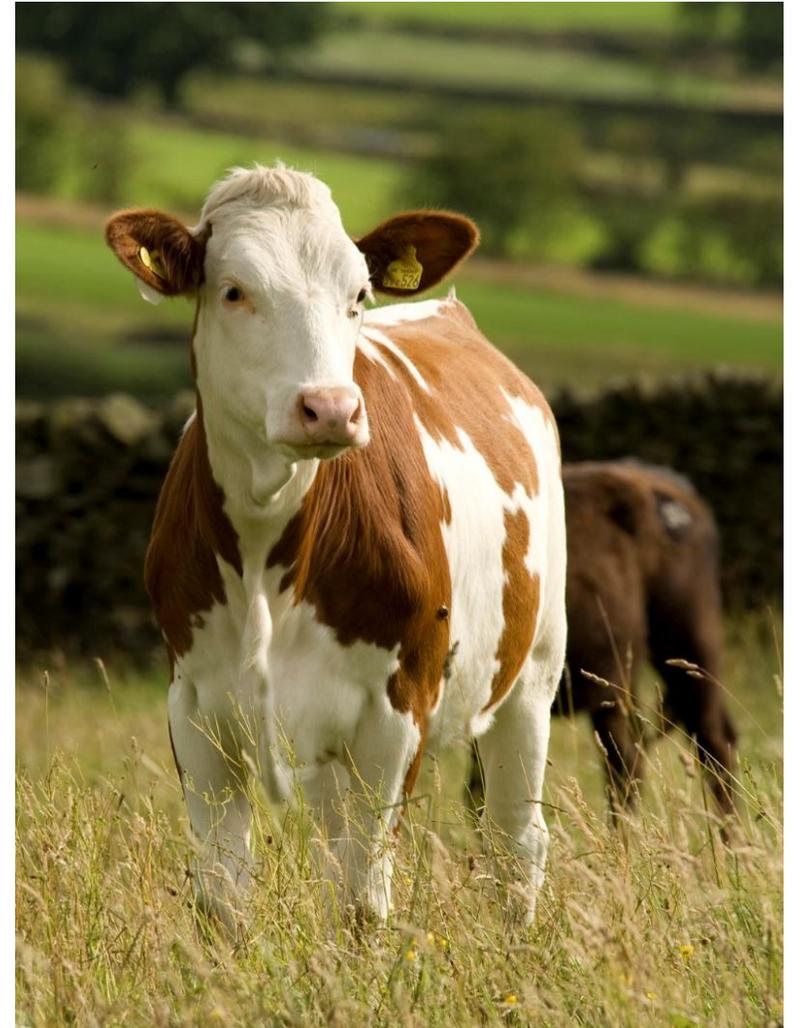
The CHAWG Dairy Cow Welfare Strategy role in supporting / promoting dairy cow welfare issues is acknowledged in the audit report



Welfare- the future

- UK government is firmly committed to improving the welfare of animals. As we move towards a new relationship with Europe and the rest of the world, we are determined to maintain our high standards and keep improving where possible
 - The Health and Harmony consultation outlined the Government's proposal to promote excellent animal health and welfare standards in order to protect the nation from the environmental and economic impacts of disease, and build on our existing reputation for world leading welfare standards
 - Government working with sector groups, including the cattle industry, in discussing proposals for farm animal welfare moving forwards.
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EU Exit challenges and opportunities





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Thank you for listening

