



LMC welcomes relaxation of Brucellosis testing

The Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland (LMC) welcomes the news released by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) yesterday (Tuesday) that the Brucellosis testing regime is to be further relaxed.

LMC's Industry Development Manager, Colin Smith claims that the relaxation of Brucellosis testing in Northern Ireland is testament to the hard work of the industry and will go towards reducing costs faced by local farmers.

In a statement Mr Smith said: "LMC welcomes the news that Brucellosis testing is to be relaxed further.

"The industry has worked closely with DAERA for a number of years to eradicate the disease from the Northern Ireland cattle population and now we are seeing the benefits.

"The relaxation of testing will reduce costs to farmers and any steps which are taken to do this are welcomed.

"Industry should continue to implement high standards of biosecurity, robust surveillance activities and most importantly report all cattle abortions, stillbirths and calves that have died within 24 hours of birth."

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