

Guidance: What happens if TB is identified in your herd in Scotland and Wales

Updated: Updated Wales document – compensation section

All cattle herds are classed as Officially TB Free (OFT) if their TB tests are up-to-date and there is no suspicion of TB infection. If TB is suspected, then cattle is put under restrictions and the OFT status is suspended (OTFS). A veterinary officer or inspector from APHA will complete a disease investigation to assess the TB breakdown, its possible origin and implement control measures to prevent the spread to other herds.

These documents explain in detail what happens if bovine TB is identified or suspected in a cattle herd. It provides information on:

- investigation of the TB breakdown
- dealing with milk quota
- reactor animals
- valuation, slaughter and compensation
- inconclusive reactors
- withdrawal of Officially Free TB status
- cleansing and disinfection
- disposal of slurry and manure
- testing during a breakdown
- cattle movements on and off restricted holdings

There is guidance for cattle keepers in Scotland and Wales. For cattle keepers in England, [see Bovine TB: getting your cattle tested in England](#)

A Welsh translation of the guidance for cattle keepers in Wales is also available.