

# TB PLAN 2016

## BENEFITS

### FACTSHEET 2016-02

This factsheet outlines the benefits of the new TB Plan scheduled to come into effect on 1 July this year. The Plan maps the programme of activity OSPRI's TBfree programme will follow to achieve its goal of eradicate bovine TB from New Zealand.

Progress in achieving the goals of the previous (2011-2016) TB Plan has been better than forecast, with expectations exceeded in many areas of activity. This, combined with robust scientific research, has resulted in the objectives of the new plan being revised and the timelines accelerated to reflect the objective of eventual eradication.

### KEY FEATURES

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- Biological eradication of TB from New Zealand by 2055 in a staged process covering livestock and wildlife,
- Ensuring the annual infected herd period prevalence stays at or below 0.2% throughout the term of the plan,
- Introduction of risk based testing focused at the herd level based around location, herd history and animal movements,
- Pest control to be prioritised around key factors including recency of infection and length of time to eradicate,
- Removal of the emphasis on disease control and movement control areas, and
- Change in approach to compensation and compliance.

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The new TB Plan brings many advantages, including:

- a clear goal for full eradication of TB from New Zealand,
- reduced expenditure of \$60m per year average, down from \$80m, enabled by new approaches to disease testing and vector control, and
- streamlined funding arrangements that give greater funding security for the Plan and greater flexibility about where and how money can be spent (no regional boundary or activity restrictions).

The changes introduce a more targeted, risk-based approach to disease management and vector control that leverages the advantages of:

- The recording and management of individual animal movements (utilising NAIT) which is already assisting with TB control under the previous TB plan,
- more and better data and experience to assess and manage risk allowing informed decision-making,
- better information based on research on TB disease management and control of TB in wildlife populations, and
- improved analytical and decision-making tools.

### NEXT STEPS

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The TB plan comes into force from 1 July 2016. Find out more at [ospri.co.nz](http://ospri.co.nz).