

Much-needed diagnostics the UK's first voluntary surveillance system for camelid bTB

SureFarm Ltd has launched the UK's first government-approved private health scheme for the voluntary surveillance of bovine TB (bTB) for the camelid industry

SureFarm Camelid Diagnostics is a voluntary system for farmers and has been developed over the last two years in conjunction with DEFRA, AHVLA (Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency) and representative groups of the camelid industry, including the British Alpaca Society and British Camelid Society. Minette Batters, Deputy President, NFU, attended the Camelid Diagnostics launch.

The scheme uses a new serological blood test providing far greater accuracy than the current skin test, known to be imprecise in camelids. Camelid Diagnostics will maintain the integrity and security of the British camelid industry and increase commercial opportunities for its members, including the export of stock to Europe. By having animals accurately tested the scheme will clarify the herd or individual animal's infection status in relation to bovine TB at the time of testing.

Andy Adler, BVM&S MBA MRCVS, director, SureFarm



Ltd, says, "SureFarm Camelid Diagnostics is a prime example of innovative and progressive veterinarians working closely with their farming clients to provide a ground-breaking science-based solution to the problem of bovine tuberculosis on farm."

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