

NEW PRODUCTS

A new online database will allow calf buyers to quickly check an animal's BVD status prior to purchase.

The new database, launched by XLVets, is central to the 'BVD CHECK TAG' initiative that uses branded white ear tags as part of a BVD status testing procedure. The white tags show that an animal has been tested for BVD and provide an easily identifiable and highly visible prompt for calf buyers to check test results online before purchase.

With essential critical mass provided through the backing of the 53-strong UK-wide group of XLVets vet practices, the main aims of BVD CHECK TAG are to improve the identification of source farms and reduce the risks of persistently infected (PI) calves moving from unit to unit, thereby stemming the spread of the disease.

"BVD is primarily spread by PIs, which are calves born from cows that are infected with BVD," explains Dan Humphries from the XLVets' practice Lambert, Leonard and May. To check a calf's status visit the database at <http://bvdcheck.co.uk/> ◀

