

In Ireland, at present, there are a number of infectious diseases circulating in the dairy herd which are not subject to governmental regulation but that can be introduced onto farms, often with devastating consequences. The diseases in question are;

- Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus (BVD),
- Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR)
- Leptospirosis
- Johnes Disease
- Neosporosis
- Parasitic infections e.g. Liver Fluke



The relatively recent development of bulk milk screening tests for the diseases listed above means that detection and monitoring of these diseases within a dairy herd has eased considerably. The use of bulk milk samples also provides a very cost effective means of tracking these diseases within a herd.

Progressive Genetics Programme

To allow herds to establish their herd status in 2012, Progressive Genetics is offering a bulk milk screening package to include testing for herd exposure to BVD, IBR, Leptospirosis, Johnes Disease, Neosporosis and Liver Fluke. Once enrolled in the programme, and based on the calving pattern stated at sign-up, PG will forward each participant a sampling kit at 4 time points over the 2012 lactation. The sampling kit will be sent within 1 week of the required sampling time-point. A text reminder will be sent to each participant to take the sample and submit in freepost envelope provided on the day of sampling.

Sampling kits

Each kit will consist of a pre-labelled sample pot (this **should not be used to take the milk sample directly** as it contains a preservative tablet), a disposable syringe with which to take the sample and transfer to the sample pot, a sealable plastic bag in which to put the sample pot, and a pre-paid envelope to return the sample to Progressive Genetics on the day of sampling.

Cost of Programme

A basic bulk milk screen consisting of testing for herd exposure (antibodies) to BVD, IBR, Leptospirosis, Johnes Disease, Neosporosis and Liver Fluke at 4 time points over the 2012 lactation will cost: €170 (incl VAT) including sampling kits & postage.

A total of 4 sampling kits will be posted to participants over the year.

Should a herd be vaccinated for IBR, a gE antibody test will be more informative than a basic IBR bulk milk test and its inclusion should be considered. Inclusion of the gE test for IBR will cost an additional €20 for the lactation.

Enrolment

An enrolment form is printed on the back of this leaflet which should be completed and returned with cheque to address listed. Please contact Suzanne at number below if you have any questions.

To Enrole:

Call Suzanne on 01-4502142 or email sbegley@progressivegenetics.ie
visit www.progressivegenetics.ie
text "Bulk Health" to 086 7801666

Progressive Genetics

Bulk Milk testing scheme

Enrolment form



Screen your dairy herd for BVD, IBR, Leptospirosis, Johnes Disease, Neosporosis and Liver Fluke 4 times over the lactation to establish your herd's health status

Please fill out information and print form. Return Printed form with cheque to address below

Name :

Address :

Herd No/Identifier

Discussion Group Name

Discussion Group Leader

Tel : (Landline)

Tel : (Mobile)

Fax :

E-mail :

Spring Calving

Liquid Milk

For Spring-calving herds enter approximate date when 70% of herd will be calved:

Herd Health Information

Month of Annual TB test :

Herd Vaccination Status

Yes

No

BVD

Leptospirosis

IBR*

Vet Name

Vet Clinic

(*if vaccinating for IBR, a bulk milk IBR gE test screen should be selected below, extra €20 per year)

**Please enrol my herd into the PG bulk milk screening programme for:
BVD, IBR, Leptospirosis, Neosporosis, Johnes Disease and Liver Fluke**

Signed : _____

Cost (payable by cheque to 'Progressive Genetics' at enrolment)

Description

Cost

Total Payable

Basic bulk milk screen (Incl sampling kit & Postage)

€170 (incl VAT)

Add Bulk milk screen with gE IBR

€20

Milk Recording PG

Total Payable

Return completed form & cheque to:
Suzanne Begley
Progressive Genetics
Kylemore Rd
Bluebell
Dublin 12

Tel: 01-4502142
www.progressivegenetics.ie

All results will be available on website
please tick below **ONE** other option:

Email results also

Post results also