



Beef Production Loss

Mycoplasma bovis Response

Can I claim compensation for my meat production losses?

You may be eligible for payment of compensation if the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has exercised powers under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) as a part of the *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) Response.

In order to be eligible for compensation, the claimed loss of meat production must have been caused as a consequence of MPI's exercise of powers. I.e. the expected future loss of meat production that was caused by MPI's:

- Notice of Direction (NOD) to cull your stock is earlier than usual (and at a lesser weight).
- Movement controls imposed on the farm or stock by a NOD or Restricted Place (RP) notice have disrupted your beef production.

Who can claim and who is paid compensation?

You must provide evidence to support that you are the legal owner of the stock that was destroyed as a result of MPI's exercise of powers. MPI will pay the legal owner of the stock if they are assessed to be eligible.

When can I make a claim?

You can claim compensation from the date the loss was incurred, or within ONE YEAR from the date that verifies your loss. (MPI will only accept late claims in exceptional circumstances).

How do I claim compensation?

You will need to complete and submit a **compensation claim form**. This form is available either from your Incident Control Point (ICP) manager, on the MPI webpage, or by contacting the MPI compensation co-ordinator. We'll be happy to email it to you.

Frequently Asked Questions

Once you've completed the compensation claim form, you can email it along with your supporting evidence, or send it in via post/courier to MPI's compensation team.

Future loss supporting material may include the following:

- Any evidence you may have about the weight gain that the animals destroyed *would have* accumulated e.g. historical records or in accordance with a fattening contract (kg/week).
- Financial statements for the previous three years showing your 'business as usual' compared to activity for the time you were affected by the NOD or RP.
- Description of your normal business practices and what happened as a result of MPI's exercise of power. This could include what time of year, how the event occurred and any seasonal impacts.

MPI may request further information or explanation about certain aspects of the claim or evidence provided.

When will I be paid?

The average compensation claim process is 25-30 working days. Each claim is different and some are more complex and require more time.

Can I make more than one claim?

You can combine your losses into one claim, or make separate claims for a number of losses.

All claims should be submitted to MPI within **one year** from the date of loss. If you incur further losses after being paid compensation, you may still make another claim.

What happens during the assessment process?

MPI will refer to Beef + Lamb New Zealand's past records of weight gain levels for dry stock farms per region and use this as our benchmark.

If you consider Beef + Lamb New Zealand's regional weight gain information is insufficient under the circumstances for your farm, then you will need to provide verifiable evidence that shows what weight gains would have been generated from your farm.

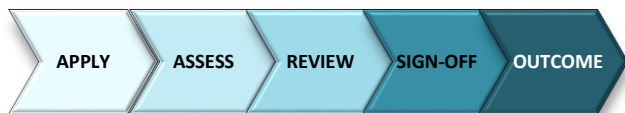
How is compensation calculated?

A simplified worked example is shown below:

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| LOSS equals | Reduced quantity of beef produced (kg) | x | Sales price per kg of beef (\$/kg) | - | Avoided production costs (\$) |
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Process

Once MPI has received your application form and all the supporting evidence, we will begin the process of assessment, and seeking approval of the decision to pay you. You will be contacted as soon as the decision has been made.



In some instances, we might need to contact you for further information if this is missing.

Next steps - checklist

- Completed Claim Form
- Signed the Statutory Declaration
- Attached supporting documentation and evidence
- Additional information that explains your circumstances

Contact and Information

For general information about compensation under Section 162A of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or for a copy of the compensation claim form, contact:

Tel: 0800 00 83 33

Email: compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz

Website: www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis

Post: Ministry for Primary Industries

Attention: Compensation Coordinator

PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140

For help with writing your claim, contact:

DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb Compensation Assistance Team (this is a free service for affected farmers):

Tel: 0800 32 22 81

Email: dbcats@BeefLambNZ.com

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