



Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

Information for farmers on the Veterinary Surveillance & Diagnostic Services in England and Wales

» What are APHA's Surveillance & Diagnostic Services?

Disease surveillance enables early detection and investigation of new and re-emerging animal diseases and helps us all to understand disease patterns and trends. Government subsidises some diagnostic services so we can provide information and intelligence that can be used by vets and farmers to help reduce disease impacts.

» What services we offer



Diagnostic tests and advice covering a wide range of endemic diseases of farmed livestock species and wildlife.



Post mortem examinations (PME) services are available at APHA Veterinary Investigation Centres (VIC) and at our partner providers working on our behalf in England and Wales. Your vet must speak to a VIC/partner provider to arrange a post mortem. Find your nearest VIC/partner provider:

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/diagnostic/national-network.htm>



Free-to-farmer carcase collection for diagnostic post mortem examinations is available in parts of England and Wales. Use the postcode search tool on the APHA Vet Gateway to find your designated PME centre and whether you are eligible for free carcase collection and discuss with your vet: <http://apha.defra.gov.uk/postcode/pme.asp>



Livestock disease surveillance dashboards are freely available online and share information about the diseases diagnosed from submissions to the GB veterinary surveillance and diagnostic network:

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/scanning/disease-dashboards.htm>



Regular surveillance reports and information published online and via social media. Our findings are reported each month in the 'Veterinary Record' - these and other reports are online at:

<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/reports.htm>

Recent examples of surveillance findings

- Severe summer scour syndrome in weaned calves
- Increasing diversity in strains of porcine reproductive and respiratory virus in pigs
- Sheep Scab mites resistant to macrocyclic lactone (ML) injectable products
- Infection with *Nematodirus lamae* worms identified in alpaca
- Adenoviral diseases in broiler and layer chickens
- New rabbit haemorrhagic disease 2 variant virus in wild and domestic rabbits

» Free advice and access to expertise

Let us know about signs of new or unusual disease you may see. We can work with your vet to provide free advice on the investigation and diagnosis of disease incidents and the information from each farm is valuable for national disease surveillance. Please get in touch with us if you think we can help.

