



Scanning surveillance at APHA

Veterinary scanning surveillance enables early detection and investigation of new or re-emerging animal diseases, and helps us all to understand disease patterns and trends, and the diagnostic service is the cornerstone of the scanning surveillance system.

In England and Wales, this is delivered by the Animal and Plant Health Agency's network of Veterinary Investigation Centres, and partner providers of diagnostic services. In Scotland, diagnostic disease surveillance is carried out by SRUC Veterinary Services, and the information and data generated are shared with APHA to give a GB-wide perspective.

APHA's diagnostic network

Find out more about scanning surveillance and APHA's diagnostic network here:

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

- See a handy leaflet summarising APHA's surveillance and diagnostic service:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/surveillance/surv-diag-services-eng-vets.pdf>
- Details of APHA diagnostic network including contact details are here:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/diagnostic/national-network.htm>



Carcase arriving at one of APHA's VICs

How to submit samples

Details about how to submit samples to APHA, including which samples to take, which tests to use and links to submission forms is available here:

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

- Information on submitting carcasses:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/diagnostic/pme.htm>
- Diagnostic submission guide:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/documents/surveillance/sub-handbook.pdf>



Sampling equipment

Wide range of expertise

Details about APHA's scanning surveillance expertise, including Veterinary Investigation Officers, Species Expert Groups and specialist disciplines is available:

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



Performing a post mortem

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Reporting notifiable diseases

Guidance about notifiable animal diseases and how to report them is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/notifiable-diseases-in-animals>

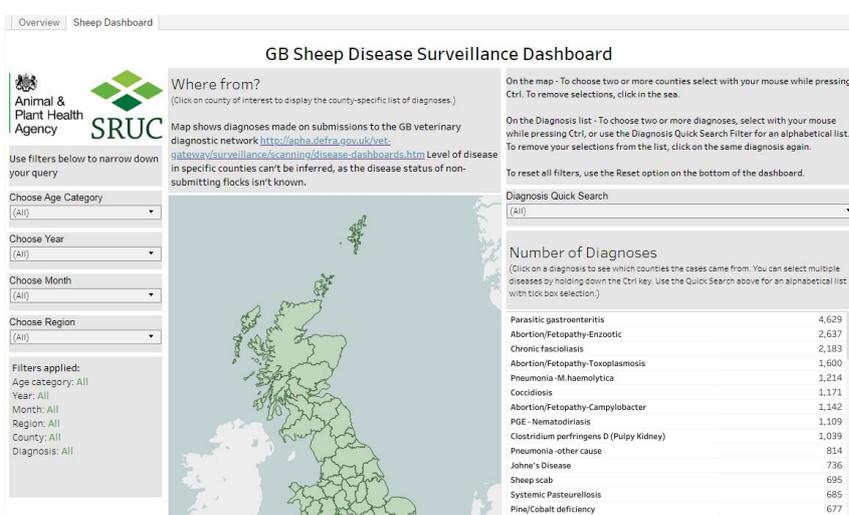
Find out more

More information about APHA's suite of scanning surveillance reports, including links to monthly surveillance reports, focus articles, species-specific quarterly reports and disease information notes is available here:

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

Interactive livestock disease surveillance data dashboards are available to see diagnostic submission data from across GB:

- By species:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/scanning/disease-dashboards.htm>
- Annual review of submission data:
<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/vet-gateway/surveillance/scanning/vida.htm>



APHA's sheep disease surveillance dashboard

Also see the APHA Science Blog for recent insights into the role of the VIO, engagement with farmers and other surveillance services offered by APHA:

<https://aphascience.blog.gov.uk/>

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