



Summary of BVD legislation as of July 1st 2026

By July 1st you must have completed an annual antibody screen of your herd.

After this your herd will be assigned one of two statuses:

BVD Negative:

All samples taken for your antibody screen came back negative.

This status lasts for 12 months.

There are no further premovement BVD testing requirements.

Any animals purchased from a Welsh 'BVD not negative' herd should have been premovement tested. You should ask for proof of this as if this has not been completed it will affect your negative status.

Any animals purchased from England or Scotland will need to be post movement BVD antigen tested. This test must be carried out by a vet within 20 days of arrival on the holding.

BVD Not Negative:

Any positive results on your annual antibody screen OR annual screen not completed by 1st July.

If a not negative status is assigned due to not completing your screen, the status will be changed to negative if this is carried out and all results are negative.

You must arrange antigen sampling of all animals on farm to give individual antigen statuses. This can be done by tissue sampling (tag + test) or blood sampling.

All newborn calves must be antigen tested via tissue tags within 20 days of birth. This includes all stillborn or aborted calves which must be tested within 7 days of birth.

Premovement antigen testing must be performed to move cattle off of the holding – this includes moving cattle to other holdings you own. This must be a blood test performed by a vet. The test is valid for 60 days.

Any animal with an individual BVD positive status or a PI animal is not permitted to move off of the holding (unless straight to slaughter).

Animals do not require premovement antigen testing to move straight to slaughter or to go to a veterinary practice for treatment.

Individual antigen status

Individual animals will be assigned one of four antigen statuses:

Unknown: No antigen test has been performed

Antigen negative: Negative antigen test – this status is valid for life (although the animal will still need to be premovement tested if moving from a not negative herd)

Antigen positive: Positive antigen test – this animal should be retested more than 3 weeks after its positive result.

PI: This animal has demonstrated repeated positive antigen results and should be culled. If it is not culled it must be isolated for life and can only be moved straight to slaughter.

Changing status from not negative to negative

Every animal on farm must have an antigen test and be assigned an individual antigen status.

If every animal on farm is antigen negative a farm can regain its negative status.

All calves must continue to be tissue tagged within 20 days of birth for 12 months after regaining negative status.

For more information please visit: [Guidance for Farmers: complying with bovine viral diarrhoea legislation in Wales | GOV.WALES](#)

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Chloe, Lauren or Olwen at the surgery.