

Media Release

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Pāmu confirm farm infection

Pāmu can confirm that our farm at Rangedale has been declared an infected farm by MPI, following positive test results for Mycoplasma Bovis from animals on the farm.

Pāmu is working with MPI and local veterinary services and we are currently culling the impacted herd.

We had been in touch with neighbouring properties to advise them of the potential that the farm was infected last week, and we held a community meeting on Wednesday to update our neighbours on the situation and the actions Pāmu is taking.

Testing on the farm was undertaken after National Animal and Identification Tracing (NAIT) records showed a connection with an infected property. Once we became aware that we had purchased stock from an infected farm we began testing animals and self-imposed an animal movement ban from the property.

Rangedale is a sheep and beef farm, based near Paihiatua, in the Wairarapa.

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Editor's Note:

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