

Q2. HELP

Johne's disease causes wasting, chronic diarrhoea and decreased production in adult animals and inevitably ends in the animal's premature death. Bovine Johne's disease ('BJD') affects the intestines of cattle. There is no treatment for BJD. Cattle usually become infected as calves but don't show signs of disease until they are adults, usually 4 years or older. Infected cattle pass bacteria through their faeces and contaminate the environment before showing any signs of illness. These bacteria can survive for up to a year, particularly in cool, shady areas.

In March 2008 the Government moved from a regulatory approach to a more risk-based trading approach. An education and awareness campaign was conducted to accompany the change.