



# Stock Replacement Higher Market Prices

## *Mycoplasma bovis* Response

### Can I claim compensation for higher market prices to replace my replacement stock?

You may be eligible for payment of compensation if the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has exercised powers under the Biosecurity Act 1993 (the Act) to remove your stock as a part of the *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) Response, which has caused you to incur a verifiable loss.

This may have been caused by the price for replacement stock has increased between the date your infected stock were culled and the date when you were able to restock the farm.

I.e. when MPI signed-off your decontamination plan and/or you were able to buy equivalent replacement stock. NOTE: This should be completed within in a 'reasonable' timeframe to reduce or avoid your ongoing production loss.

Compensation for higher market costs may be paid if you can confirm the following:

- MPI issued me with a NOD to cull my stock.
- My stock were culled as a result.
- I received a signed-off decontamination plan.
- I have purchased replacement stock.
- I could not find reasonably equivalent replacement stock, with similar production worth and breeding worth, at the same price.
- I had to pay more to buy replacement stock to repopulate my farm.

### When can I make a claim?

You can claim compensation from the date the movement restriction powers were exercised by MPI, or within ONE YEAR of this date that verifies the loss.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I claim compensation?

You will need to complete and submit a **compensation claim form**. This form is available either from your Incident Control Point manager, on the MPI webpage, or by contacting the MPI compensation co-ordinator. We'll be happy to email it to you.

Once you've completed the compensation claim form, you can email it along with your supporting evidence, or send it in via post/courier to MPI's compensation team.

Examples of supporting material on purchased stock and destroyed stock, include the following:

- Copy of the stock purchase invoice and an account or bank statement showing payments. This should be itemised or include details on number and type(s) of cattle.
- Stock breed, age and genetics (if relevant).
- Quantity of stock purchased.
- Breeding Worth (BW) index values and Production Worth (PW) values.
- LIC MINDA registers for purchased and destroyed stock.
- Copies of alternative quotes for replacement stock showing that you have considered and taken reasonable steps to reduce your loss.
- Plus any additional information that supports your claim.

### Who can claim and who is paid compensation?

You must provide documentation to support that you are the legal owner of the replacement stock and original stock that were destroyed under MPI's exercise of powers. MPI can only pay the legal owner of the stock for which the loss has been assessed as eligible for compensation.

## How will MPI assess these claims?

MPI will compare the characteristics and value of the replacement stock (the BW, the PW, the age, breed and genetics) with the stock that were destroyed under the MPI exercise of powers.

We will look at whether there were powers exercised that delayed the restocking of the farm, and what stock were available at the time the farm was available for repopulation.

As part of this process, MPI may seek the views of an independent valuer who can provide advice to the circumstances.

## Process

Once MPI has received your application form and all the supporting evidence, we will begin the process of assessment and seeking approval of the decision to pay you. You will be contacted as soon as the decision has been made.



In some instances, we might need to contact you for further information if this is missing.

## Next steps - checklist

- Completed Claim Form
- Signed the Statutory Declaration
- Attached supporting documentation and evidence
- Additional information that explains your circumstances

## Contact and Information

**For general information** about compensation under Section 162A of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or for a copy of the compensation claim form, contact:

Tel: 0800 00 83 33

Email: [compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:compensationcoordinator@mpi.govt.nz)

Website: [www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/bovis)

Post: Ministry for Primary Industries

Attention: Compensation Coordinator

PO Box 2526, Wellington 6140

**For help with writing your claim**, contact:

DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb Compensation Assistance Team (this is a free service for affected farmers):

Tel: 0800 32 22 81

Email: [dbcats@BeefLambNZ.com](mailto:dbcats@BeefLambNZ.com)

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