

Conditions for Livestock Exhibitors at Morisset Show 2016 (Beef Cattle)

1. Minimum declaration for Bovine Johnes Disease (BJD):

- BJD must not be known or suspected to be present in the herd.
- Cattle from Non-Assessed herds are permitted to enter the show, but must be housed separately from cattle from herds that have undergone testing to demonstrate freedom from BJD (Assessed or MAP herds). The beef cattle pavilion will have clearly signed, separate areas for Assessed and Non-Assessed cattle.

2. Minimum declaration for Pestivirus status:

- All cattle entered in the Morisset Show must have been tested by their owners to prove that they are not persistently infected (PI) with pestivirus. This requires laboratory testing of tail-hair, blood or ear-notch from each animal.

3. Biosecurity: preventing the spread of disease between livestock

- Beef cattle will be housed separately from dairy cattle and other livestock. Beef cattle should not be walked through the dairy cattle pavilion or goat area.
- Within the beef cattle area, there will be separate areas for Assessed and Non-Assessed cattle with respect to BJD status. These areas will be sign-posted.
- Cattle pens and feed troughs will have been cleaned prior to the show, but exhibitors are advised to undertake any further cleaning that may be required to ensure that there is no manure or left-over feed and bedding remaining in the pens from previous occupants.
- Exhibitors are likewise required to remove any feed, bedding or manure left by their animals in pens or in common areas. Although shovels, bins and wheelbarrows will be available for this purpose, exhibitors are also requested to bring a shovel with them.
- Manure should be disposed of in bins or wheelbarrows provided for this purpose, which are to be emptied in the designated area.
- Water taps are available in the livestock pavilions, but exhibitors are required to bring water troughs/tubs for their animals to drink from.
- Exhibitors are requested to bring feed bins and/or hay nets with them to avoid the need for animals to eat feed directly off the ground. (This precaution recognises the fact that the bacteria that cause BJD can possibly survive for more than a year in shaded areas such as a livestock pavilion).
- Cattle must be tethered when not being led or penned in allocated areas.
- Cattle must not be permitted to graze on grassed areas, and should be kept well away from the designated manure disposal area.
- Trucks must have been cleaned before transporting cattle to Morisset Showground. Trucks and floats may not be cleaned out at Morisset Showground.
- Any sign of livestock illness should be drawn to the attention of the Steward. Any livestock showing signs of contagious illness such as BJD will be required to be isolated in a location specified by the Steward, and may be required to be removed from the showground to prevent spread of disease.