



Stock Destruction Loss

Mycoplasma bovis Response

Can I claim compensation for the destruction of my 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) as a part of the *Mycoplasma bovis* (*M. bovis*) Response.

You may have been issued a Notice of Direction (NOD) to cull your stock and therefore be entitled to compensation for your loss.

Compensation for stock destruction may be paid if you can confirm the following criteria:

- ✓ MPI issued me with a NOD to cull my stock.
- ✓ My stock have been culled as a result.
- ✓ I have provided verifiable evidence of my loss.

Who can claim and who is paid compensation?

You must provide documentation to support that you are the legal owner of the stock that were destroyed as a result of MPI's exercise of powers. MPI will pay the legal owner of the stock if they are assessed to be eligible.

When can I make a claim?

You can claim compensation immediately after your stock have been culled, but must claim within ONE YEAR for the loss of stock from the date that verifies your loss. I.e. from the date the stock were culled.

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 (ICP) manager, on the MPI webpage, or by contacting the MPI compensation coordinator. We'll be happy to email it to you.

Frequently Asked Questions

Once you have 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 include the following:

- **Load-out records** of the animals removed from your farm:
 - Person-in-charge form (PIC)
 - Animal Status Declaration (ASD)
- **Stock Valuation** records
- **Meat Processor Invoices** (Abattoir) showing the number and value/payment of animals processed.
- **RFID/NAIT/Electronic ID** scan list (if not provided elsewhere)
- Plus any other additional information that supports your claim.

When will I be paid?

For a claim where a full herd has been depopulated under a NOD directing the stock to be culled, MPI may make an initial payment of up to 75% of the eligible amount, within 10 working days. MPI will then pay the remaining amount once a full and final assessment is concluded and authorised for payment. However, if we have all of the information we require, we will make a full payment as quickly as possible.

Can I make more than one claim?

Yes. You can combine your losses into one claim or make separate claims for a number of losses.

All claims should be submitted to MPI within **one year** from the date of loss. If you incur further losses after being paid compensation, you may still make another claim.

How is compensation calculated?

A simplified worked example is shown below:

Number of stock culled	Total value of stock (\$)	Meat value received from abattoir (\$)	Claim amount (\$) Total valuation less meat value
10	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$4,000

How does the 'timing of loss' affect compensation?

The Act compensates for a loss caused as a result of MPI's exercise of powers. I.e. a NOD that directed you to depopulate animals from an infected farm.

However, the Act also states that compensation cannot be paid for loss, which occurred before the exercise of powers began. This may include animals that were already confirmed as infected before the exercise of MPI powers.

Can I get compensation for future loss?

If your stock has been culled earlier than usual and you believe that you have incurred losses as result, you should submit a claim and provide verifiable evidence of these losses due to earlier than normal slaughter.

Can I claim for voluntary culling?

Generally, to be eligible for compensation, MPI must have exercised powers directing the destruction of your stock. You may be eligible for compensation for voluntary culling if MPI is satisfied that your loss has been caused by a restricted place notice.

Why does MPI use PGG Wrightson for valuations?

PGG Wrightson is a nationwide provider of farm services and is a recognised stock valuer. MPI has contracted PGG Wrightson to provide valuations of stock at a fair market value for the *M. bovis* response.

You may wish to provide an alternative stock valuation for consideration. If you do so, this will be at your own expense.

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

Website: 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

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