



## **GVS / MGA Joint Johnes Initiative:**

It is now a Red Tractor requirement for milking goat herds to have a Johnes control plan in place. To meet the specific requirements of the UK Goat sector the Goat Veterinary Society and Milking Goat Association have worked together to develop this joint Johnes initiative which will enable milking goat herds to understand the risks posed by Johnes, determine their herd status and ultimately put in control strategies to effectively control this costly disease.

### **Plan Outline:**

Year One (2022) – Phase One:

- GVS / MGA distribute the Johnes Disease Factsheet to ensure all farms have access to a baseline level of information about the disease to help inform future decisions and actions
- Johnes Disease Status Check – details of how to establish your herd status are included in the attached Johnes Testing sheet
- Complete a farm-specific Johnes Risk Assessment with the farm vet which will help to direct potential risk and control points. Questionnaire document included.

Phase Two:

- Roll out of information exchange and training sessions to help develop on-farm control plans which will help the farm to achieve one of 3 possible targets:
  - o Johnes Free – Keep It Out
  - o Johnes Positive – Control, Manage and Reduce Disease Impact
  - o Johnes Positive – Aim to Eradicate from herd

For further details please see the attached documents and discuss with your Vet, MGA or GVS colleagues

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