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Protecting negative herds

- Continue to test your herd each year.
- Purchase cattle from herds with a 'Negative' status, and avoid in-calf animals.
- Purchase animals with virus negative test result (free from BVD).
- Isolate and virus test any animal if you don't know its status or if it has no status, or you have any doubts at all.
- Pay strict attention to bio-security and make sure farm boundaries are stock proof.
- Take extra care with in-calf cows/heifers
  – eg don't allow your cattle to graze in neighbours fields.

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To achieve negative status (if your herd is not-negative) you must

+ Keep testing – discuss options with your vet – to find and eliminate PIs (Persistently Infected Animals).
+ Test all calves for virus by tissue tagging or virus test the whole herd to speed up the process.
+ Isolate PIs and move directly to slaughter, immediately if possible.
+ For dairy herds, if your 'not negative' status is as a result of an expired test or a bulk milk tank test, you may test each group of youngstock for antibodies.

Moving animals off a not-negative herd

You cannot move untested animals off a not negative herd (unless you arrange for them to go to slaughter), so you must:

+ Virus test all individual animals that you want to move.
+ Wait until the result is returned to you or your vet (usually 1 week).
+ Check results are visible on ScotEID.
+ Only move animals that have an individual negative test result.

Note: you may move the dam of a calf without testing it when the calf has an individual negative test.

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