

Incidence of TB in camelids

The following table has been provided by Defra/AHVLA which shows the continued incidence of bTB in camelids. The table should be updated quarterly on the Defra website, but is often outdated. The data below was at the end of the first quarter of 2012, with four confirmed breakdowns already in 2012.

Annual numbers of new incidents of culture-confirmed M.bovis TB in South American camelid premises			
Year of disclosure	Infected herds (with more than 1 dead or culled animal)	Type of infected herd (herd with more than 1 culled animal)	Location of affected herds
1999 - 2003	5	2 x alpacas 3 x llama	Gwent (2 llama holdings),Gloucs (alpaca),Herefordshire (llama), Somerset (alpaca)
2004	1	alpaca	Devon
2005	1	llama	Avon
2006	2 (1)	1 x alpaca 1 x llama	Sussex(alpaca),Devon(llama)
2007	3(3)	2 x alpaca (2) 1 x llama	Carmarthenshire(llama), Powys (alpaca), Dorset (alpaca)
2008	11(6)	9 x alpaca (4) 2 x llama (2)	Carmarthenshire(llama), Devon (1 llama, 1 alpaca), Avon (2), Cornwall, Gloucestershire (3), Herefordshire, Worcestershire (2)
2009	12(6)	all alpacas	Devon (3), Derbyshire, Gloucestershire (2), Shropshire, Somerset (2), Staffordshire, Worcestershire (2)
2010	15(6)	all alpacas	Devon (4), Cornwall (3), Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Monmouthshire, Staffordshire (2), Warwickshire, Worcestershire (2)
2011	6(4)	all alpacas	Cornwall, Dorset, South Gloucestershire (near Bristol), Warwickshire, Gloucestershire (2)
2012 (1st quarter)	4(1)	3 x alpaca 1 x llama	Carmarthenshire, West Sussex, Somerset, Worcestershire
Data provided by Defra			

We know the TB situation in Camelids is a drop in the ocean compared to cattle.

Some people say it isn't serious but if it happens to you then it becomes an all consuming serious problem and it has the propensity to devastate you both financially and emotionally. One thing is certain when TB affects your herd – your opinions and your life will change dramatically.

Below are 18 case histories from members of the TB support group. Bear in mind that there are 42 other herds for which we do not have data so the total number of alpacas and llamas that have died due to TB and TB control measure is much higher than below.

Some are from 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or 2012. Some are out of restriction while others are still going through TB testing and therefore these figures are not complete and will be updated as data becomes available.

1. 110/110 (means 110 lost out of herd of 110)
2. 52/52
3. 48/54
4. 15/48
5. 21/61
6. 13/73
7. 11/13
8. 38/53
9. 7/22
10. 7/14
11. 14/28
12. 2/3
13. 2/13
14. 2/9
15. 5/6
16. 17/29
17. 2/13
18. 7/13

The numbers above speak for themselves.