

## Help protect New Zealand!

Biosecurity New Zealand conducts surveillance for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) to support exports of our animal products.

**We need your help to collect samples.**



### About TSE surveillance

Biosecurity New Zealand performs surveillance to assure New Zealand's export customers that we're free from TSEs.

We test brain samples from cows, sheep, goats and deer that show clinical neurological signs such as non-responsive nervous disease.

### Financial incentives

Biosecurity New Zealand compensates farmers for the loss of their animals, and vets for their time and labour in taking and submitting TSE brain samples. **The financial incentive for submitting samples has increased this year.**

#### Farmers

Cattle: \$250 plus GST

Deer: \$200 plus GST

Sheep/goats: \$100 plus GST

#### Vets

Cattle: \$380 plus GST

Deer: \$250 plus GST

Sheep/goats: \$200 plus GST

### Eligible animals

**Cattle** 30 months – 9 years

- Progressive non-responsive nervous disease
- Non-responsive metabolic disorders
- Dairy cattle culled for behavioural reasons
- Abnormal gait or stance without obvious injury

**Deer** > 2 years

- Progressive non-responsive nervous disease
- Progressive non-responsive ill-thrift
- Acute pneumonia or aspiration pneumonia

**Sheep/goats** >2 years

- Progressive non-responsive nervous disease

**Further details including eligibility and submission forms:**

**[www.biosecurity.govt.nz/tse](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/tse)**