



# TB: getting to grips with the 'uncontrollable'

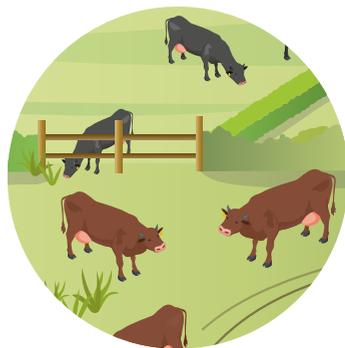
The risk of a TB breakdown understandably strikes fear into many UK cattle farmers, and being Government-controlled often adds to that stress.

Rather than feeling so powerless there are things you can do about it. By putting in practice some simple and achievable biosecurity measures, you can start to manage the seemingly uncontrollable.

## PREVENTING INFECTION SPREAD

It's widely acknowledged that biosecurity measures like preventing nose-to-nose contact can reduce spread of infectious cattle diseases.

CHECS has two programmes, Entry Level Membership and Herd Accreditation to help you proactively manage your risk of a TB breakdown. They're especially worthwhile if you are:

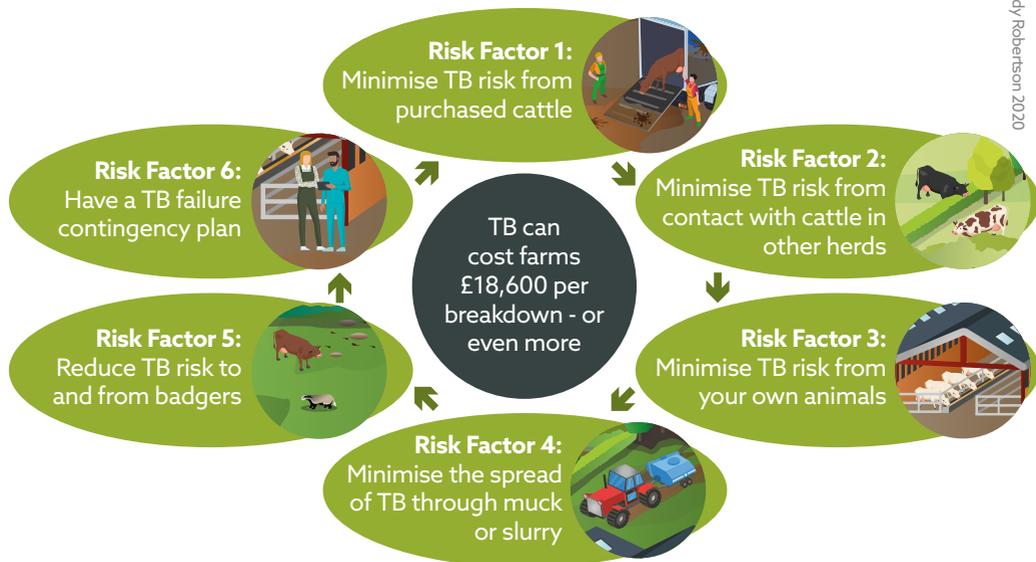


- ✓ Farming in a six-monthly testing area\*
- ✓ Buying livestock and determined to minimise the risk of introducing TB
- ✓ Keen to build on Government and industry efforts to control infection

\*For farmers in England's HRA, find out how CHECS TB Herd Accreditation could reduce your statutory testing frequencies. Visit [www.checs.co.uk/tb](http://www.checs.co.uk/tb)

# Two programmes to reduce risk

Both CHECS TB programmes centre on six Risk Factors:



## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- ✓ **CHECS TB Entry Level Membership**  
Gets you started on easily achievable biosecurity measures and requires you to commit to just one option in each Risk Factor
- ✓ **CHECS TB Herd Accreditation**  
Builds on Entry Level measures with additional testing and biosecurity, and is recognised and rewarded by Defra and the Welsh Government

## TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Applying and maintaining structured biosecurity routines undoubtedly reduces infection spread – you only have to look at how social distancing and better hygiene helped flatten the Covid curve. You might not be able to control all TB risks but, through both CHECS TB programmes, you can manage those within your control.

Find out more at:  
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