



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRODUCERS**

J-BAS COMPLIANCE EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 2017

Dear Clients,

Please find below information issued by the Cattle Council of Australia regarding the new bio-security requirements regarding Johnes to come into effect on the 1st of July.

Please make yourself and your property staff aware of the changes and take the necessary actions to ensure you are compliant.

As part of this new programme, **every farm must have an active Bio-security Plan**. The transition period from the previous Johnes's MAP programme to the current J-BAS expires on 30 June 2017, meaning your bio-security plans need to be implemented.

**J-BAS is an industry managed program it is market driven and is voluntary, but if you do not participate it will greatly reduce competition on your livestock.**

**So what do you do next ?**

· The basis of the entire program is that we are all a JBAS 7 until 30th June 2017, to retain a JBAS 7 you need to have an On farm Bio-security

Plan (attached) and have it approved by a Vet. You then have twelve months from the 1st of July to do a check test of your herd, this involves testing 50 head of Livestock as selected by your vet once every three years.

· The other option is to maintain a JBAS 6 score and this includes completing a On Farm Biosecurity Plan and filing it away, you do not require a Vet to view it and you do not require to test, this plan must be kept in a safe place so as it can be produced for Buyers of your livestock or if you are audited.

I know this may seem like an information overload but we all need to get our bio-security plans done before the 30th June to secure our J-Bas score, **if you do nothing you will get a J-Bas score of 0 and this may affect where you can sell your cattle in the future.**

The bottom line is you need to print out and fill out the Bio-security Plan (attached), and store it in your filing cabinet, that way you are a J-Bas6, if you are not a stud that is all you need to do.

We highly recommend that you use the resources provided to do your own research however should you wish to talk to one of us please feel free to call one of the following:

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**Here are the links to the documents you will need and that we recommend that you read.**

[Cattle Council Media Release](#)

[Johnes Beef Assurance Score](#)

[On Farm Bio-security Plan Template](#)

[Nation Cattle Health Declaration](#)

Here are some more website that you can read more about the J-Bas program

[Animal Health Australia](#)

[Cattle Council Australia](#)

[Department of Primary Industries](#)

**Kind Regards**

**The Livestock team at Jim Hindmarsh and Son**