ibTB New Functionality January 2022: ibTB will also now display, the number of years herds in England have been clear of TB – Find out how here...

Video Transcription

Information bTB or ibTB is a free interactive mapping tool showing the location of bovine tuberculosis breakdowns in England and Wales over the last 10 years. The site is designed to help cattle keepers and vets make informed decisions about protecting their herds from bovine TB. To use ibTB simply go to the website www.ibtb.co.uk, or access via the TBhub website.

From January 2022 in addition to the breakdown view which displays only data on current and past bTB breakdowns, ibTB will also now display the number of years herds in England have been clear of TB. It should be noted that means now all herds will be potentially viewable within ibTB, including herds that have never had a breakdown.

Publishing this additional information will enable cattle keepers to take more informed decisions about the cattle they purchase and to take appropriate steps to manage the risks from bringing in new cattle - a commitment to share such information was included in Defra's response to Professor Godfray's review of the TB eradication strategy for England.

How do I access the new view in ibTB?

- Under the Herds option (which defaults to Breakdowns at start up)
- Select Health Ratings
- A message will appear in red "Data not visible at this scale, click update map button to zoom to data".
- Click the "update map" button – You may have to use the scroll bar to find this.
- The map will display a view showing all herds identified by colour according to the time since their last breakdown. You will be able to drag the map to the area of interest or use the CPHH search function in the top right-hand corner to navigate there.
- If you wish to see a sub-set of herds e.g. you are only interested in seeing herds that have not had a breakdown for at least 5 years, change "All Data to ">5 years" and "update map"

Clicking on a dot displayed will show you the CPHH and the exact category that the herd falls into, and if it has had a breakdown the start and end dates of the last breakdown (TB2 & TB10 dates). For multiple herds in a single location you can cycle through the breakdowns by clicking on the arrows at the top of the box.

ibTB can be found at ibtb.co.uk and for more information on bovine TB go to the TBhub at tbhub.co.uk.