

Unit 7: Notifiable diseases Factsheet

A disease that has the status 'Notifiable' must be reported to the relevant animal health department. Animal health in Wales is based at three animal health offices. These are administered by Welsh assembly government staff on behalf of DEFRA.

The most recent diseases linked to cattle and sheep are:

- Bluetongue
- Foot and mouth disease
- Scrapie
- Tuberculosis
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy - BSE

The following extract has been taken from a table that appears on the DEFRA website:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/notifiable/index.htm>.

The table below contains a **selection** of notifiable diseases taken from the website. The diseases chosen have affected farm animals on UK farms within the last 50 years

Notifiable disease (with link to Factsheet)	Species affected	Occurred last in Great Britain
Anthrax	Cattle and other mammals	Present
Avian influenza (Bird flu)	Poultry	Present
Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (to BSE home page)	Cattle	Present
Bluetongue	All ruminants and camelids	Present
Brucellosis (brucella abortus)	Cattle	2004
Brucellosis (brucella melitensis)	Sheep and Goats	1956
Classical swine fever	Pigs	2000
Enzootic bovine leukosis	Cattle	1996
Foot and mouth disease	Cattle, sheep, pigs and other cloven hoofed animals	2007

Newcastle disease	Poultry	2006
Rabies	Dogs and other mammals	2006
Scrapie (on DEFRA's BSE website)	Sheep and goats	Present
Swine vesicular disease	Pigs	1982
Tuberculosis (bovine TB)	Cattle and deer	Present
Warble fly	Cattle, (also deer and horses)	1990