

Waikato King Country Boys and Girls Agricultural Group
25th July 2019

To all Waikato Schools

With MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) still in the process of eradicating Mycoplasma bovis the Waikato King Country Boys and Girls Agricultural Group has decided unanimously not to have **DAIRY** or **BEEF** calves at the Waikato show on Friday 1st November 2019

Lambs and Kid Goats

Both these sectors will be run as per previous years and the Waikato King Country Boys and Girls Agricultural Group will run the competition as per normal on Friday 1st November 2019.

We would expect all school days and zone group days to run Ag days for both Lambs and Kid Goats.

With the information we have there no reason to be concerned with the spread of Mycoplasma bovis to Lambs and Kids as there is no clear evidence that these animals are at risk.

MPI (Ministry of Primary Industries) has circulated information “Holding a safe calf club”

These are guidelines to prevent the spread of Mycoplasma bovis.

It will be up to each school and or zone (Group Day) to decide if they wish to allow Dairy and Beef calves to be shown.

If Lambs and Kid Goats are at the same Ag days as Calves, the Lambs and Kid Goats will be still be allow to attend the Waikato A & P Show.

Waikato King Country Boys and Girls Agricultural Group will be supporting the MPI guidelines and as such we must consider the practicality of putting biosecurity measures in place.

Yours Faithfully

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(Chairmen Waikato King Country Boys and Girls Agricultural Group)

For further technical information please contact Adam Hittmann 0275483881 who is a vet and involved in the Mycoplasma bovis eradicate program.