



COMPENSATION AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF A FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN NEW ZEALAND

To report a suspected case of Foot and Mouth Disease call your vet or phone the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Exotic Disease and Pest Emergency Hotline: **0800 80 99 66**.

Government compensation is available in the event of a Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in New Zealand, under section 162A of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Compensation under the Biosecurity Act is not available for a loss caused by the disease itself - it is only available for a loss as a result of actions taken by MPI exercising powers under the Biosecurity Act, for the purpose of eradicating or managing the disease.

The aim of compensation is to ensure early reporting of the disease, and compliance with MPI requirements during the exercise of its powers under the Biosecurity Act. Compensation is available to a person suffering a loss as a result of MPI's actions causing:




- damage to, or destruction of, the person's property; or
- restrictions placed on the movement or disposal of their goods.

MPI will assist a person who is subject to the exercise of Biosecurity Act powers to identify options for mitigating their loss wherever possible, if the person requests that MPI do this.

Early reporting of a Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak is vital to enable a rapid and effective response. The sooner MPI can respond the more likely it is that the disease can be contained and eradicated.

The cost to farmers and New Zealand of delaying a response to Foot and Mouth Disease may be catastrophic. This, and the compensation provisions under the Biosecurity Act, means there should be no hesitation in advising MPI of suspect cases.

Visit the following link <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosec/compensation> on the MPI website to download the:

- [Compensation Brochure](#)  (223 KB)
- [Guide to Completing a Claim for Compensation](#)  (41 KB)
- [Compensation Claim Form](#)  (104 KB)

General assistance about compensation under section 162A of the Biosecurity Act, and hard copies of the above website documents, may be obtained from MPI by contacting the **Compensation Coordinator** by phone, email, fax, or surface mail, using the following contact details:

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