

BOVINE FIELD POST MORTEM CHECKLIST



Date:		Practitioner:	
Client details:		Address:	
PIC:		Contact:	
No. animals at risk:	No. Sick:	No. Dead:	
Date of first case:			
History:			
Clinical signs observed:			
Vaccination status:		Drench history:	
Nutrition	Pasture:	Concentrates:	Other supplements:
Sex:	Age:	Breed:	Colour:
VID:	NLIS:	Brand:	Tattoo:
Lactation status:		Pregnancy status:	
External Assessment: Take photos of the environment, animal in situ, ID, head, thorax, abdomen, external lesions			
Found dead/ Euthanised		State of carcass: Fresh/decomposing	Est. weight:
External injuries:		Signs of struggle: Y/N	BCS:
Discharge from orifice: Y/N		nostrils/mouth/anus/repro tract	Discharge type: blood/froth/pus/ fluid
Head: Eyes/ ears/ mouth/ lips/gums/mucous membranes			
Skin: Lymph nodes/anus/ vulva/prepuce/ventral abdomen/umbilicus/neck/ parasites			
Limbs: Joints/wounds/ coronet band/ interdigital space			
Faeces: Consistency			
Samples to collect: Faeces		Blood: 2x Plain/EDTA/Lithium heparin	Smear Aqueous humour (sample: fresh)
Internal Assessment: Place animal in left lateral recumbency and dissect to display			
Thorax	Pleural fluid: Y/N	Colour:	Sample: Swab/ transport media/ fresh sample
Diaphragm: Intact: Y/N	Negative pressure: Y/N		Thoracic adhesions: Y/N Type: Fibrin/fibrosis
Lungs:			Samples: Fresh/ Fixed
Heart:		Pericardial fluid: Y/N	Samples: Fresh/ Fixed (Fixed: L ventricular papillary m)
Tracheal/ bronchial: Froth: Y/N Parasites: Y/N			Sample: Fixed
Oesophagus:			Sample: Fixed
Thyroid gland:		Weight:	Sample: Fixed
Mouth/Pharynx:			Sample: Fixed
Abdomen	Peritoneal fluid: Y/N	Colour:	Sample: Swab/ transport media/ fresh sample
Adhesions: Y/N Type: Fibrin/fibrosis			
Liver:			Samples: Fresh/ Fixed
Spleen:			Sample: Fixed
Kidney:			Samples: Fresh/ Fixed
Ureters/ bladder:		Urine: pH Dipstick: Y/N	Samples: Fresh (urine)/Fixed
Adrenal gland:			Sample: Fixed
Pancreas:			Sample: Fixed
Ball bladder:		Bile: Sample (fresh)	Sample: Fixed
Reticulum:			Sample: Fixed
Rumen:		Rumen pH:	Parasites: Samples: Fresh/ Fixed
Omasum:			Sample: Fixed
Abomasum:	Abomasal fluid:		Parasites: Sample: Fresh (fluid)/ Fixed
Duodenum/jejunum/ileum:			Samples: Fresh (cable tie a loop)/ Fixed
Colon:			Sample: Fixed
Reproductive tract:		Pregnant: Y/N*	Udder: Sample: Fixed
Additional samples:			
Neurological:	CSF fluid (sample: fresh)	Spinal cord (sample: fixed)	Brainstem (sample: fresh/ fixed) Brain: (sample: fixed)
Peripheral n (sciatic/ femoral/ obturator) (sample: fixed)			
Skeletal m (sample: fixed)		Diaphragm m (sample: fixed)	Rib or Sternebra- bone marrow (sample: fixed)
Gestational age in months = $\sqrt{((\text{crown-rump length in inches}) \times 2)}$			