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Changes to purchasing cows of any age and males greater than 36 months of age from 13th April 2026

Animal Type	Who Can Buy?
Dairy breed cow tested within the last 30 days	Any herd
Dairy breed cow tested within the last 6 months and the seller herd has had a herd test in the last 6 months	Drystock herds (i.e. non breeding herd) + CFU – note cow is restricted to purchasing herd for life
Dairy breed cow tested within the last 12 months	CFU Only
Beef breed cow tested within the last 30 days	Any herd
Beef breed cow tested within the last 6 months and the seller herd has had a herd test in the last 6 months	Any herd
Beef breed cow tested within the last 12 months	CFU only
Male of any breed greater than 36 months of age tested within the last 30 days	Any herd
Male of any breed greater than 36 months of age tested within the last 6 months and the seller herd has had a herd test in the last 6 months	Any herd
Male of any breed greater than 36 months of age tested within the last 12 months	CFU only

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