You may have read in our last email update that the TB slaughter levy is changing from 1 August 2016. We've been working with Dairy NZ, Beef+Lamb New Zealand and the Ministry for Primary Industries on the implementation of the changes, alongside meat processors.

WHAT'S CHANGING?

Currently, a standard rate is applied to all cattle. Under the new TB plan, different rates will be applied for beef and dairy animals at slaughter to ensure that correct funding contributions for the programme are collected by sectors. This was agreed by the industry and government. The new rates will be:

- $13 per head for dairy animals
- $6.30 per head for beef animals
- $11.50 per head for live cattle and deer exports.

WE'RE MAKING SOME UPDATES

We will assign your farm's production type in the NAIT system to the animals in your account (unless you have already specified the production type of your animals). In order to do this, the system will be unavailable from 7:00pm - 7:45pm on Saturday 16 July. Afterwards you can review the production type of your animals and amend these where necessary.

ANIMAL TYPE

When registering your animals in NAIT, you'll need to specify their production type. This will be primarily used at slaughter to charge the correct rate.

FARM TYPE

After 8pm 16 July, check your primary farm production type in the NAIT system. This will be used to charge the levy if you send untagged animals to a meat processor.

TAG TYPE

From 25 August, specify if tags you're buying are for dairy or beef animals. This production type will be used if your animals are not registered before they are slaughtered.

WHERE TO BUY TAGS