



19. Milk Recording Workshop Modern Tools for Milk Recording Management

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Maintaining an efficient milk recording system during a national disease outbreak and a global pandemic

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Abstract

Mycoplasma bovis was first identified on a New Zealand dairy farm in July 2017. Since that date, the New Zealand government has implemented a strategy to achieve nationwide eradication. This strategy has had a major impact on the way Livestock Improvement (LIC) has provided services to our farmers. LIC has been fortunate that the impact of Covid-19 to date has been relatively minor compared to the rest of the world. However, as an essential business in New Zealand, LIC has had to make several significant operational changes to minimise the possible spread of the virus within our lab environments, and to avoid risks of our field staff being vectors of transmission between different farms.