

# Beware bluetongue

## Know the risks!

**Bluetongue** was detected in England in November 2023 having spread from Europe. The virus is transmitted by biting midges and affects cattle and sheep and other species. It is a notifiable disease which means you must report it to APHA.

Midge activity will increase with warmer weather and with it the risk of bluetongue. Livestock keepers should:

**Stay  
vigilant**

**Be  
prepared**

**Keep  
informed**



**Look out for signs of bluetongue. Speak to your vet for advice.**

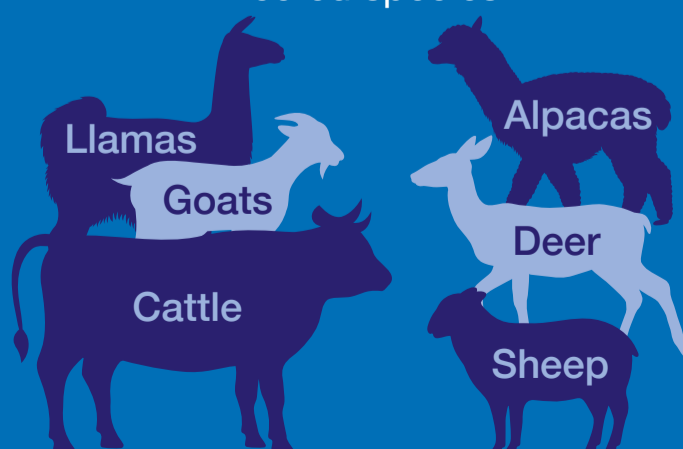


**Plan ahead to protect your business.**



**Don't source animals without a reliable health status.**

Affected species



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