

# 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



Find out more at  
[www.gov.uk/bluetongue](https://www.gov.uk/bluetongue)



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