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Sent: 02 March 2009 14:46
To: 'helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk'
Subject: Information request: False negatives and positives associated with bovine TB tests

Dear Sir/Madam,

If you can, please inform me of best known estimates of the proportion of false positives and false negatives associated with the bovine TB tests as currently used in England.

If you can, please supply these proportions as four percentages (or percentage ranges) as shown below.

Skin test false positives x%
Skin test false negatives x%
Blood test false positives x%
Blood test false negatives x%

In the above, the skin test refers to the intradermal tuberculin test, and the blood test refers to the gamma interferon (g-IFN) diagnostic blood test.

I hope this is clear. Obviously please let me know if clarification is required.

If you are unable to reply promptly, a confirmation of receipt would be very much appreciated.

All responses by email will be fine.

Yours faithfully,

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