



# Herd Health Goals and Action Plan

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## Goals for My Herd

Record 2-3 goals and action steps you and your management team identify.

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<b>Action Step 1</b>	
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## Goal Setting

When formulating goals, consider:

**Overall farm objectives:**

- Does the farm want to maximize production, improve animal health, expand or reduce herd size?

**Resources available:**

- What labor, facilities, finances, replacements are available?

**Health status of animals:**

- Other health problems or management issues could be higher priority.

**Timeline for achieving goals:**

- Target dates will depend on current prevalence and aggressiveness of plan.

For more information, the following websites contain a wealth of information:

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Food Safety - [www.cdc.gov/food-safety/](http://www.cdc.gov/food-safety/)
- National Mastitis Council Information Central - [www.nmconline.org/resources](http://www.nmconline.org/resources)
- FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) [www.nationaldairyfarm.com](http://www.nationaldairyfarm.com)



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## Assess and Renew Your Herd Goals

Review your original goals. Have the goals for your herd changed?

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### Action Plan Review

Have there been any changes to farm:

- Goals or objectives
- Resources
- Herd health
- Timeline

Every year, or as needed, you should schedule a time with your veterinarian to re-evaluate your goals and your herd status, and to adjust your action plan accordingly.

Additional plans can be printed at UVM Extension's [Johne's disease website](#).



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