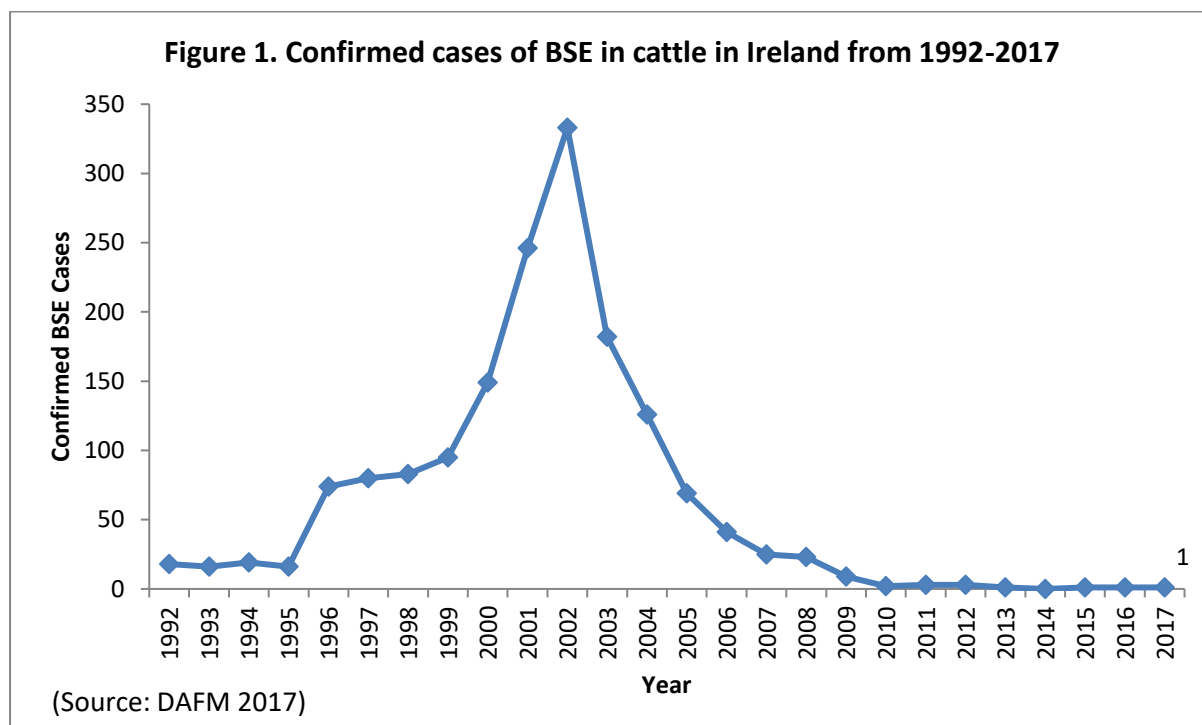


Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Animals 2017

In 2017 one atypical case of BSE in bovines was reported. The number of BSE cases peaked in 2002 (333 cases), but since then a steady decline in incidence has been observed. This is mainly attributed to older animals in the national herd being replaced by younger animals that have not been exposed to contaminated feed. Since 2008, no BSE incidents have been detected in cattle younger than 60 months of age.



Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) in Animals 2017

In 2017, 1 case of atypical scrapie and 11 cases of classical scrapie in sheep was reported. The relatively large number of classical scrapie cases was mainly due to 10 cases in one flock. In total, 4 flocks had suspect scrapie cases submitted.

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