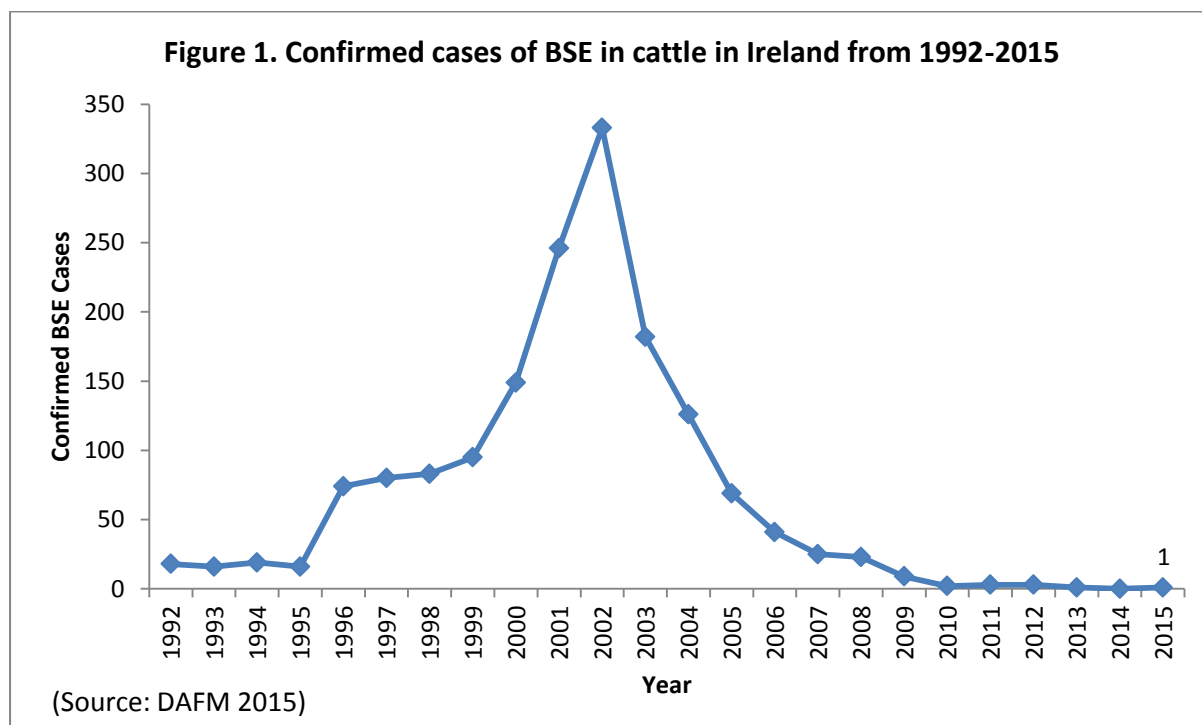


### Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in Animals 2015

In 2015, one out of 51,689 total tests carried out for BSE in bovines were positive. 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 2015**

In 2015, 22,179 sheep were tested for scrapie. Of these, one flock was positive for classical scrapie while seven flocks were positive for atypical scrapie.

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