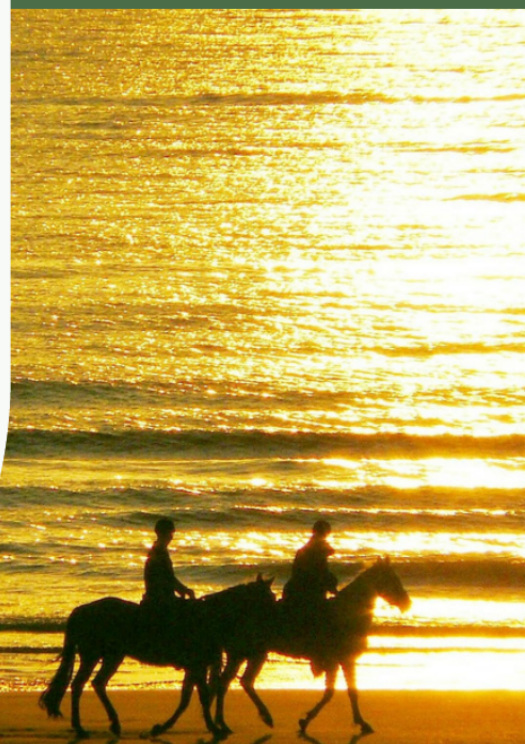


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COLLATED BY IRISH EQUINE CENTRE



Please note that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has requested the Irish Equine Centre (IEC) collate this report for all DAFM approved laboratories in Ireland and this report includes results from the IEC

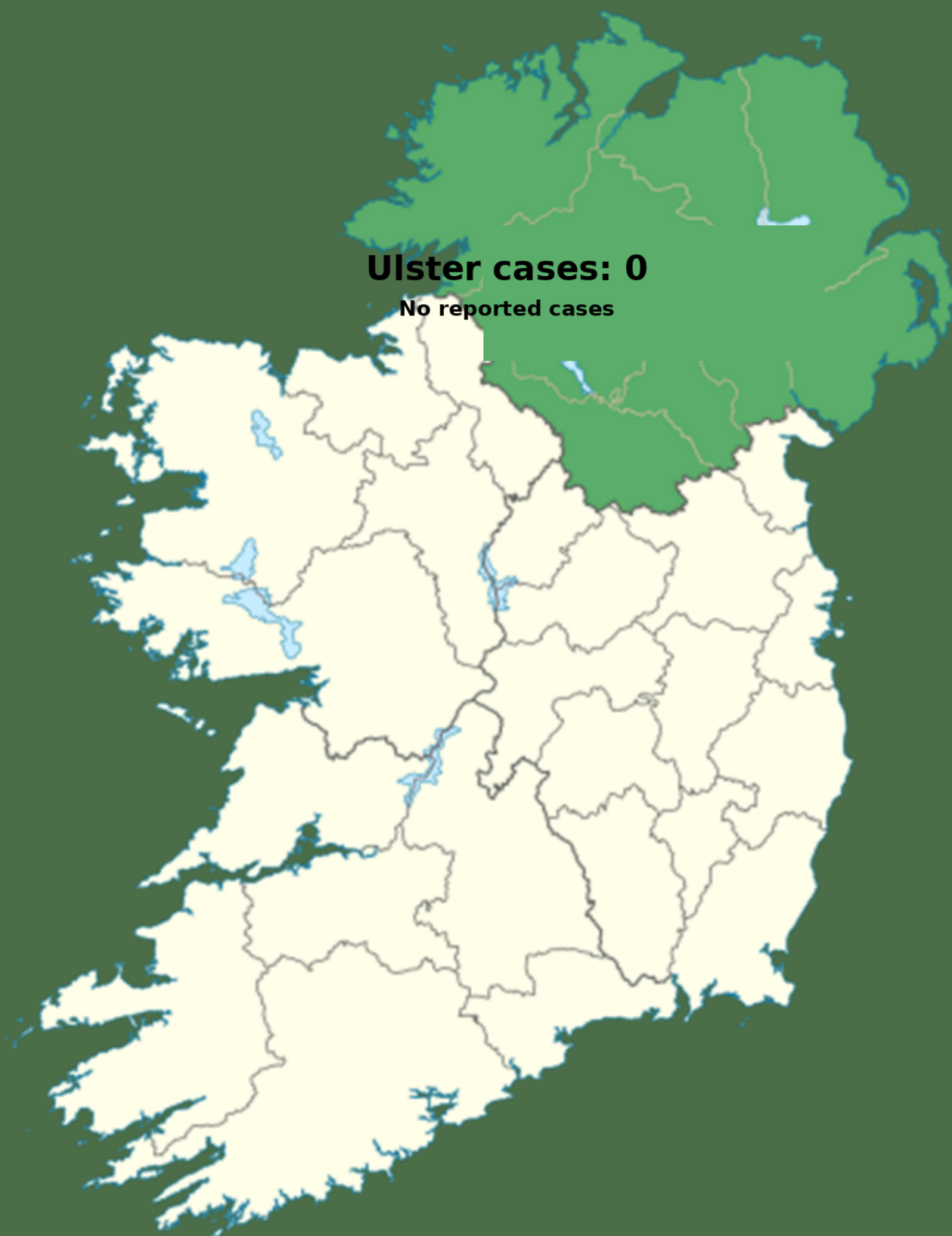
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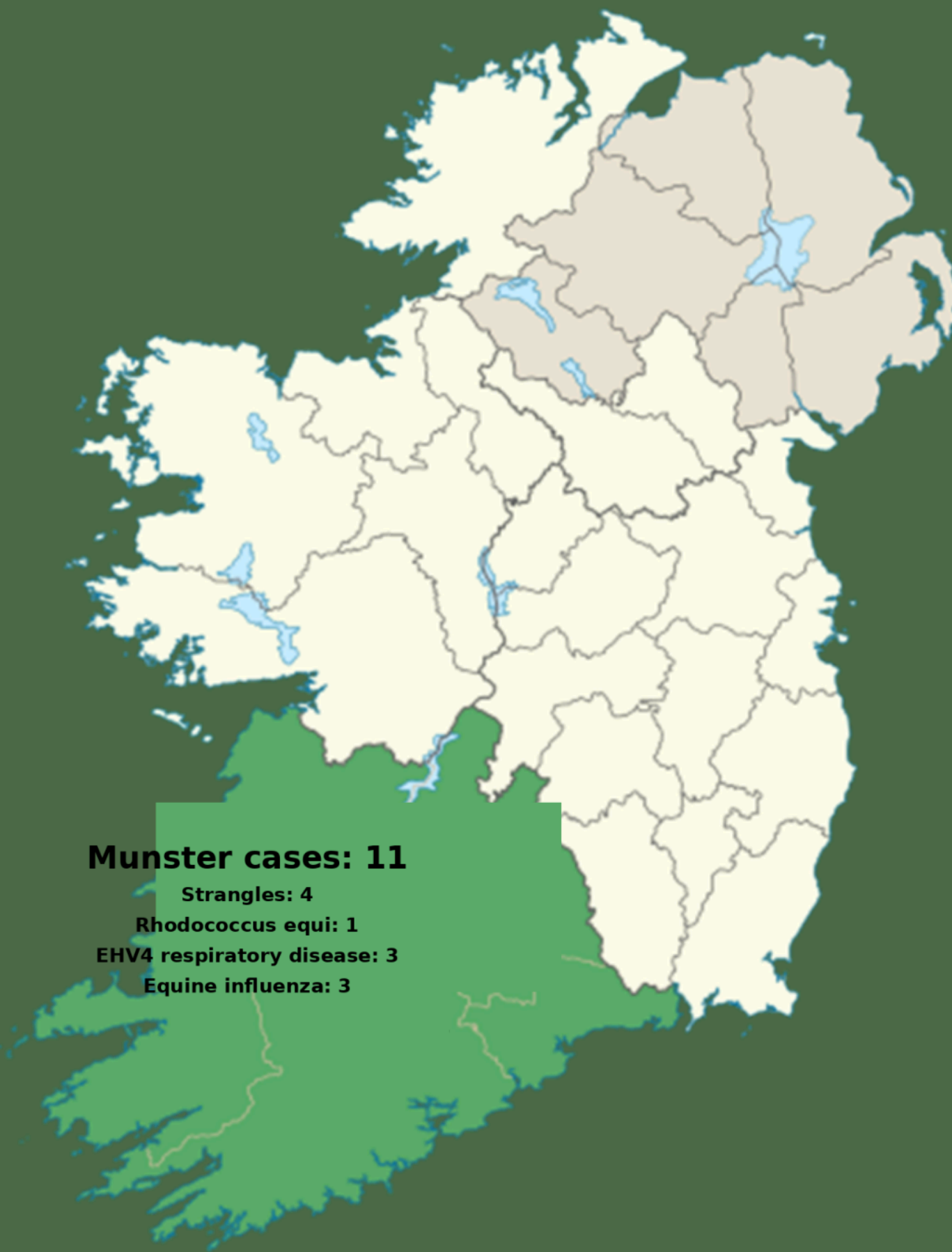
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Reporting Period:	Q3 2026				
Disease	Region				Comment
	Connaught	Leinster	Munster	Ulster	
Strangles (PCR)	1	7	2	0	
Strangles (Culture)	1	1	2	0	
Rhodococcus equi (PCR)	0	3	1	0	
Rhodococcus equi (Culture)	0	12	0	0	
Salmonella (PCR)	0	0	0	0	
Salmonella (Culture)	0	0	0	0	
CEM (Taylorella equigenitalis)	0	0	0	0	
Klebsiella pneumoniae (Reproductive)	0	0	0	0	
Lawsonia (PCR)	0	1	0	0	
EHV1 abortion	0	0	0	0	
EHV 4 abortion	0	0	0	0	
Atypical Myopathy	0	0	0	0	
EHV 4 respiratory disease	0	13	3	0	
EHV 1 neurological disease in	0	0	0	0	
Equine Influenza	0	15	3	0	

Ulster cases: 0

No reported cases





Munster cases: 11

Strangles: 4

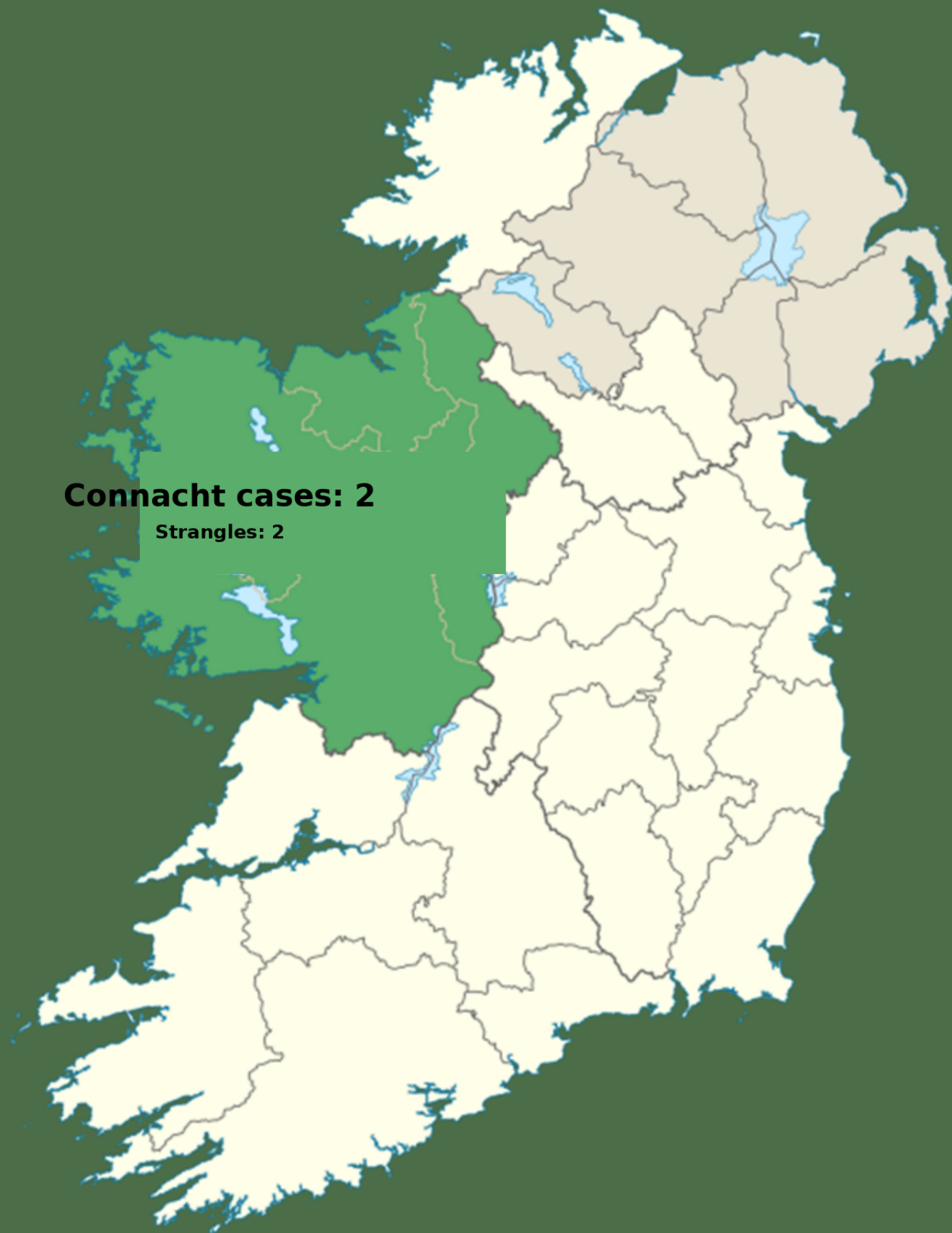
Rhodococcus equi: 1

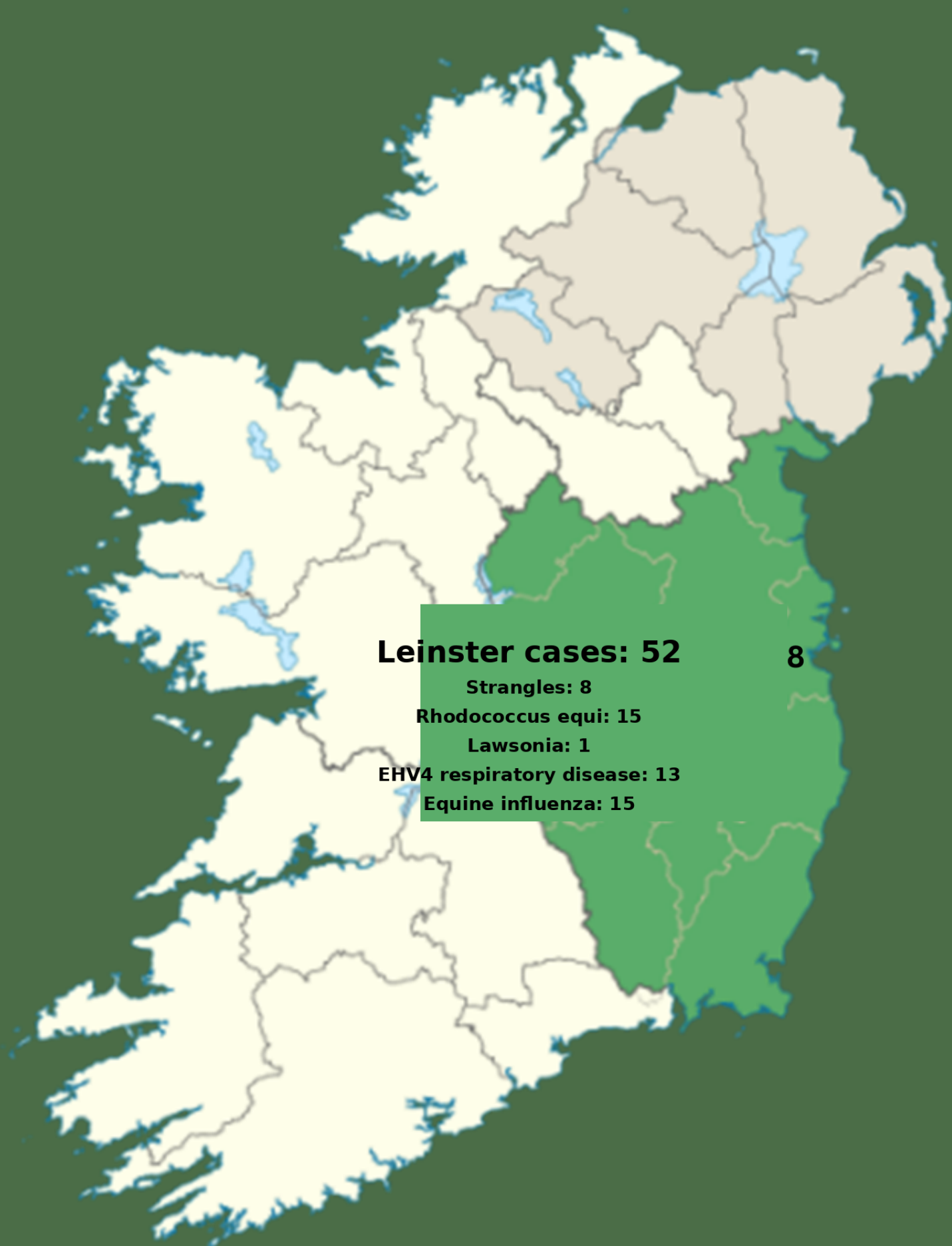
EHV4 respiratory disease: 3

Equine influenza: 3

Connacht cases: 2

Strangles: 2



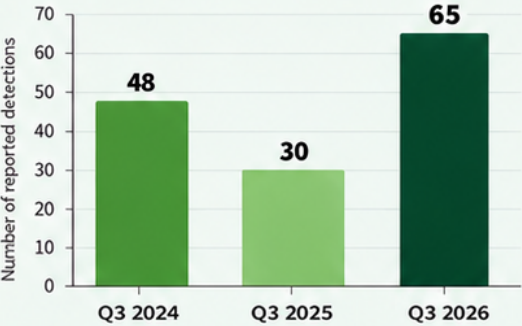


Equine Disease Surveillance in Ireland – Q3 2024 to Q3 2026

Reported laboratory detections collated by the Irish Equine Centre (IEC) on behalf of DAFM approved responding laboratories in Ireland



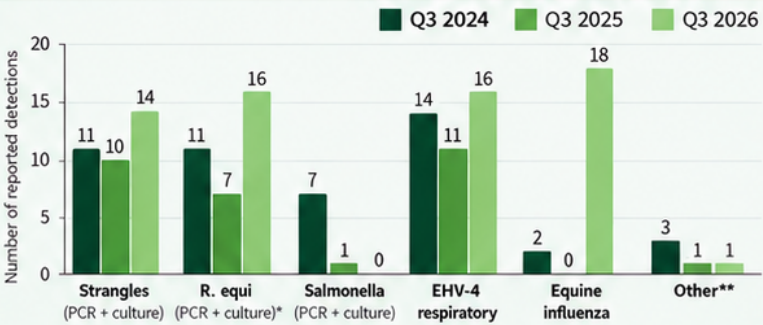
Total Reported Detections in Q3



+117%
increase from
Q3 2025
to Q3 2026

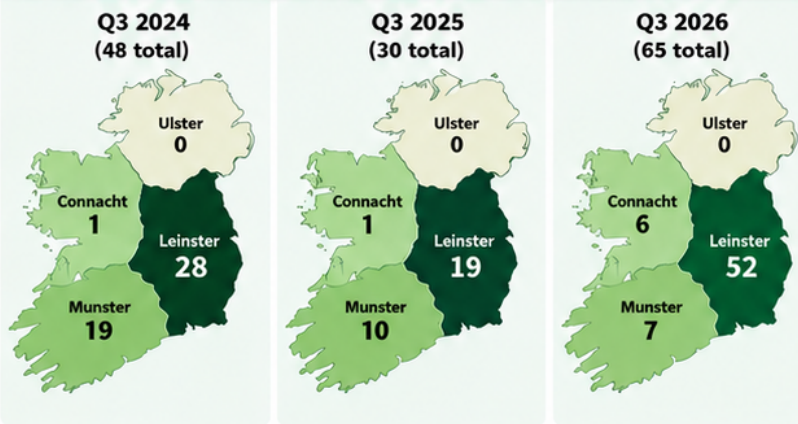
+35%
higher than
Q3 2024

Reported Detections by Disease (Q3 2024 – Q3 2026)

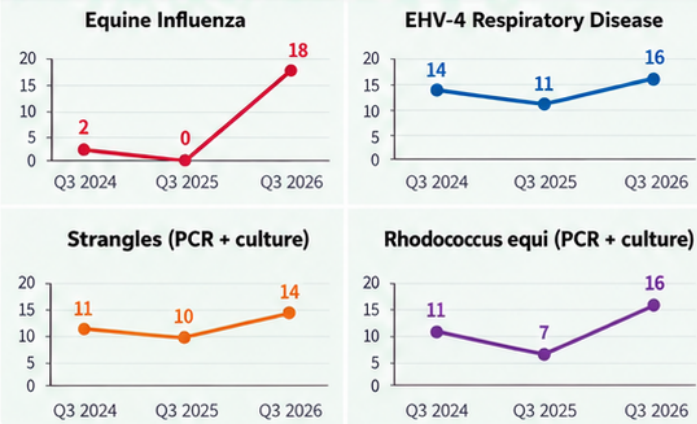


* Q3 2024 R. equi: 12 test positives (11 unique cases) as one sample was positive by both PCR and culture.
** Other includes *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (reproductive), Atypical myopathy, Lawsonia and EHV-1 abortion.

Regional Distribution of Reported Detections



Trends in Key Diseases (Q3 2024 – Q3 2026)



Key Takeaways

- Overall increase in Q3 2026**
Total reported detections rose from 48 (2024) to 30 (2025) to 65 (2026). Q3 2026 is 117% higher than Q3 2025 and 35% higher than Q3 2024.
- Major increase in equine influenza**
Influenza detections rose from 2 (2024) to 0 (2025) to 18 (2026), accounting for 28% of all reported detections in Q3 2026.
- EHV-4 respiratory disease remains persistent**
Consistently high numbers each year (14 → 11 → 16), indicating ongoing circulation.
- Strangles and R. equi remain important**
Strangles detected every year (11 → 10 → 14). R. equi fell in 2025 (7) but increased markedly in 2026 (16).
- Salmonella detections declining**
7 detections in 2024, 1 in 2025 and 0 in 2026.
- Leinster accounts for majority of detections in 2026**
80% (52/65) of reported detections in Q3 2026 were in Leinster, compared with 63% in 2025 and 58% in 2024.