

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFIED BRUCELLOSIS-FREE HERDS

INSTRUCTIONS:

A complete herd test for recertification must meet certain standards in order to qualify as a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd. The herd owner must verify that all animals added to or included in the complete herd test must meet certification standards.

The veterinarian shall record on the 4-33 Brucellosis Test Record individual, official, animal identification. Animals added to the herd shall be designated as natural additions (NA) or purchased additions (PA). All animals must be reported by the original animal identification or by the identification reported on the last herd test. If animal identification is changed, that change should be noted on the official 4-33 Brucellosis Test Record. This is necessary for maintaining an accurate and complete computer herd record.

Animals included on a herd recertification test must be in one of the following categories:

1. Animals were on the preceding annual herd test, or
2. Animals are natural additions (NA) to the herd, or
3. Animals are purchase additions (PA) from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd. Breeding animals originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd do not need to be tested before being moved. However, when these animals are added to a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd, they must have a negative blood test within 60-120 days after being added to qualify for Certified Brucellosis Free status for sale purposes, or
4. If additions are purchased from a non-certified herd, animals must have had a negative blood test within 30 days of time of purchase, held separate from the certified herd and a negative blood retest within 60 to 120 days. NOTE: Animals added to a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd under this provision shall not receive a new herd status for sales purposes until animals have passed a 60-120 day post entry negative Brucellosis test and have been included in the herd blood test on the next anniversary of the recertification test.
5. Breeding females not calfhooed vaccinated and breeding males are test eligible at twelve (12) months of age.
6. Official calfhooed vaccinates that are not test eligible when purchased from a herd not Certified Brucellosis Free shall be tested when eligible:
 - a. For calfhooed vaccinates of beef breeds test eligible age is 24 months.
 - b. For calfhooed vaccinates of dairy breeds test eligible age is 20 months.