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### **Brucellosis update**

The Wyoming Livestock Board recently completed testing of nearly 700 adult, female bison and their calves in the brucellosis-affected bison herd in Park County. 3 more bison were found positive to blood tests conducted at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory on January 10, 2011. Plans to remove these bison from the herd are now being made, and follow-up testing of the herd will be scheduled at a later date.

Another round of herd testing in the brucellosis-affected cattle herd located in Park County was also completed in late December, 2010. No additional reactors were detected. This recent test is the second consecutive test in which no further evidence of brucellosis infection was found in this herd. Brucellosis program standards require 3 consecutive, negative herd tests to be completed before the herd quarantine can be lifted. Plans to test this herd again after spring calving are now in place. If this next herd test is negative, and no further risks are identified, the Wyoming State Veterinarian will consider release of the quarantine at that time.

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