



Wyoming Livestock Board

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION **DESIGNATED SURVEILLANCE AREA** **(DSA)**

August 26, 2009

TO: Licensed Veterinarians in or surrounding DSA

FROM: Dr. Jim Logan, Wyoming State Veterinarian

RE: Indication of DSA origin livestock on all test charts and reports issued to Lab, Brand Inspectors and Animal Health officials.

- By State Statute, Wyoming Livestock Board can only pay for mandatory testing on DSA origin cattle. Wyoming Livestock Board will no longer be paying veterinarians who test cattle other than those originating within the DSA.
- Veterinarians shall indicate, on their test charts, that tested animals originate in the DSA. **This information needs to show up on the test chart somewhere for reimbursements to take place for you or the Sale Barn. DSA information must appear on test charts of those DSA cattle being tested in auction markets.**
- **The Wyoming Livestock Board will NOT pay for testing Montana cattle.** We will not pay for the veterinarian's fee for drawing samples, nor will we pay laboratory fees on Montana origin cattle. **The Wyoming Livestock Board will now pay ONLY for the cost of sampling and Wyoming State Veterinary laboratory fees for Wyoming DSA cattle testing.**

We ask that the **market veterinarians** and those **veterinarians testing cattle within the DSA**, to specify on their BRUCellosis TEST CHART whether cattle tested **are from** the DSA or **are not from** the DSA. If necessary, brand inspectors will be able to clarify the origin of the cattle on their inspection forms but again, reimbursement funding will not be provided to you or the sale barn without DSA information present on the test chart you have submitted as proof of DSA

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origin. It is extremely important that this information be on your test charts. The state of Montana has funding available to pay for testing of cattle from their identified area.

Memos concerning these issues were sent to all Wyoming Veterinarians June 30, 2009, July 14, 2009 .

Please find copies of those attached for your files. Chapter 2 rule changes are addressed in the June 30th memo. Sample fees are addressed in the July 14th memo.

Chapter 2 rules as well as all of the WLSB rules are available on our website: wlsb@state.wy.us
This website has a wealth of agency information in order to supply you and the public with updates and current information to help you keep informed of any changes in agency procedures.

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