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Possible Brucellosis Case in Park County

The Wyoming State Veterinarian has been notified by the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory that blood from 3 cows has reacted to tests for Brucellosis. The cows are from a single herd in Park County.

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease that can cause cattle, elk, and bison to abort their calves and can be a serious disease in humans in the form of undulant fever. Reactors on blood tests do not absolutely prove that cattle are infected with Brucellosis. However, these reactors were very strong indicating that the likelihood of infection is high. Tissue samples and blood have been collected from the reactor animals and submitted to the Wyoming State Vet Lab and the National Veterinary Service Laboratory for a full diagnostic evaluation. It may take two weeks or longer to complete the diagnostic work up.

The Wyoming Livestock Board is working with USDA APHIS and the herd owner to complete a whole herd test. Contact and adjoining herds will also be tested and an epidemiologic investigation has begun.

A public meeting to discuss Brucellosis and the situation in Park County is scheduled for 7:00 P.M Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Meeteetse Conservation District Office at 910 Park Avenue in Meeteetse. For further information please contact Wyoming State Veterinarian Dr. Jim Logan at 307-857-4140 or Wyoming Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Bob Meyer at 307-777-6443.

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