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### **Wyoming Livestock Board Investigating Possible New Case of Brucellosis in a Park County, WY Cattle Herd**

The Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) recently received serological test results from USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), Ames, Iowa indicating that two 13 month old heifers originating from a cattle herd in Park County, WY are Brucellosis test reactors. The 2 heifers were tested as part of a group of 30 heifers to comply with WLSB Chapter 2 Rules which require breeding heifers originating in Wyoming's Designated Surveillance Area to be tested prior to change of ownership.

The heifers will be taken to the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory in Laramie, WY to conduct further bacteriological testing. An epidemiologic investigation of the case is now underway, and further testing in the herd of origin and adjacent herds is planned. Preliminary investigation of the case suggests brucellosis-infected elk in the immediate area of the cattle herd as the most likely source for the infection.

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