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- *Happy New Year from the Wyoming Livestock Board Staff!*

- *Chapter 8 Importation Rules are out for Public Comment. (1/12/11 to 3/1/12)*

- **ALL VETERINARIANS**
Please remember to contact the state of destination for their import requirements!

Brucellosis Vaccination-RFID Tags are now an option for Producers

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB) currently has a limited supply of orange, brucellosis Official Calhhood Vaccination RFID (OCV-RFID) tags available for use in heifers belonging to Wyoming cattle producers that specifically request them. Veterinarians may order the tags by calling the WLSB office in Cheyenne at 307-777-7515.

These tags are **ONLY** to be used *in place of* (NOT in addition to) the orange, metal, calf-hood vaccination (OCV) tags currently being used in heifer calves. These OCV-RFID tags should **not** be used in cattle more than one (1) year of age.

Previously these tags were

reserved for use only in heifers originating from Wyoming’s Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA). However, we are now allowing use of these OCV-RFID tags in heifers originating from ALL areas of Wyoming.

These tags are **NOT** to be used for imported heifers allowed into Wyoming under quarantine to be vaccinated on arrival unless the animals are purchased specifically for breeding replacement stock by a Wyoming producer.

Additionally, the OCV-RFID tags may be used to participate in age and source verification programs such as the Wyoming Business Council’s Wyoming Verified program. “This

is a great opportunity for Wyoming producers to take advantage of. Producers can use the OCV-RFID tag for herd health management, add value to heifer calves and obtain access to domestic and export markets requiring official tags”, says John Henn the Wyoming Verified program manager. “With Japan likely raising the age limit from 20 to under 30 months of age on beef imports, using these tags in place of the orange metal tags allow producers to market any open yearling heifers as age and source verified. It also meets other states’ requirements of sexually intact females needing official tags”, says Henn.

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REMINDER: Cattle imported to Nebraska from Wyoming

The Wyoming Livestock Board and USDA/APHIS have received SEVERAL health certificates back from the Nebraska State Veterinarian. The top two reasons for the returned health certificates are: DSA statement not written on the certificate and Trich statements and testing requirements.

DSA requirements:

- All sexually intact cattle and bison imported into NE, which originate from a DSA within the GYA, shall be individually identified
- Identify state of origin
- Statement: “These cattle and bison originated from within one of the DSAs and

have permanent, individual identification”.

- Cattle that do NOT originate from within the DSA must have: “These cattle and bison do not originate from within the DSA”

Trichomoniasis Requirements:

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Producers ask for ProActive Law Enforcement

Recently, Livestock producer's from Natrona, Carbon, Converse and Albany Counties met with Law Enforcement regarding concerns with the increase in numbers of missing livestock. The meeting was held in Medicine Bow and included the producers, County Sheriffs, Brand Inspectors, Brand Commissioner, Livestock Criminal Investigations, Wyoming Game and Fish, Wyoming Highway Patrol, BLM Law


Enforcement and concerned citizens.

The meeting disclosed the need for quick reporting of missing livestock by producers and checks of Livestock carriers by Law Enforcement. Producers agreed a better team effort and a more proactive effort could act as a deterrence for the future. The producers requested and welcomed more road checks by Law Enforcement. The producers were encouraged to

work very closely with their local Brand Inspector regarding missing reports and need for reporting suspicious activity.

At the end of the meeting a mutual agreement was accomplished, where a stronger proactive approach would be the best benefit for the "Protection of Wyoming's Livestock Industry".

By Jimmy Dean Siler


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Range Beef Cow Symposium

Director Leanne Stevenson and Paula Bivens from the Wyoming Livestock Board attended the

The Range Beef Cow Symposium in Mitchell Nebr. in Nov. This event is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and animal science departments of the University of Wyoming, South Dakota State University, Colorado State University and the University of Nebraska. The bien-

nial symposium has a reputation of being an excellent educational program, offering practical production management information since the first symposium in Chadron, Neb., in 1969.

The event rotates between Colorado, western Nebraska, western South Dakota and Wyoming. Focusing on beef production issues in the Western states, the symposium regularly attracts 800-1,200 attendees and more than 80 agribusiness booth vendors for the three-day event.

The Wyoming Livestock Board was well represented as Director Stevenson attended many of the presentations while Paula manned a booth for the agency along with many other vendors from

other states. We felt the booth was well attended by those who attended the symposium. Topics at our booth ranged from Brand books to brand inspection to animal health, requirements, brucellosis topics to questions concerning just what we did in our agency. We had many questions asked of us as well as the fact that we asked many questions of our fellow livestock producers in other states. The outcome was very beneficial and we look forward to continuing our support for this organization in the future. For more information concerning this organization, please look them up on the Web at Range Beef Cow Symposium.

By: Paula Bivens



Dean Vaughn, left, a brand inspector from Chugwater, Wyo., stopped to pick up a copy of the 2011 Wyoming Brand Book and visit with Paula Bivens, a Wyoming Livestock Board coordinator, who is in her 34th year with the outfit. Vaughn and his wife Ruth were checking out vendor exhibits during a break in Wednesday's program.

Photo and caption courtesy of the Star-Harold in Scottsbluff, NE

Cowgirls of the West

On January 9th 2012 Paula Bivens and Connie Hinesley had the honor of representing the Wyoming Livestock Board to approx 65 persons from the Cowgirls of the West Organization at Little American in Cheyenne, WY. Cowgirls of the West membership currently have approx. 200 women and men. The organization started in 1995. Currently they have a museum and Gift shop located at 205 West 17th Street in Cheyenne.

During our presentation we talked about all of the units within the agency and the different types of functions performed by our co-workers. We had a wonder response from the crowd, with a lot of interaction. Some of the questions asked were, does cattle theft still exist, do all livestock carriers have to stop at the port of entry, what happens to abandoned brands, how do we go about getting a brand

history done, can we still apply for livestock brands. We have since heard from a few of the members who didn't know where to go for some of their livestock concerns. It was a good learning experience for Connie and I as well and we hope to keep in contact with them in the future.

By Paula Bivens



PLEASE check out
Nebraska's Import
Orders at the end of
our newsletter.
Thank You

Cattle imported to Nebraska from Wyoming Continued

- All bulls over 24 months of age and all non-virgin bulls less than 24 months of age shall have three consecutive official negative Trichomoniasis culture tests at least one week apart; OR one negative PCR test within 30 days prior to importation
- Statement: "The bull(s) represented on this CVI are not from a known positive

T.foetus herd and have had three consecutive official negative *T.foetus* culture tests which were at least a week apart; or one negative PCR test within 30 days prior to importation, and there has been no breeding activity since the first culture test or the PCR test."

Breeding females being imported to Nebraska also have

Trichomoniasis requirements. Attached to the end of the newsletter are the DSA and Trich import orders from Nebraska PLEASE take a look. There are other requirements that need to be met. The few listed are just highlights. If you have any questions please contact Nebraska for clarification.

Thank You Animal Health
(Nebraska's Amended Trich Import Order/ Cattle and Bison Importation Order for ID, MT and WY DSA)

Brucellosis Vaccination-RFID Continued

When veterinarians complete the Brucellosis Vaccination Record (VS Form 4-24) after applying these OCV-RFID tags, we ask that the origin of the heifers be written on the face of the vaccination record. For example, if the heifers did NOT originate from the DSA, a statement similar to "Heifers NOT from WY DSA" would suffice. The WLSB needs this

information to help them more easily track where these OCV-RFID tags are being applied.

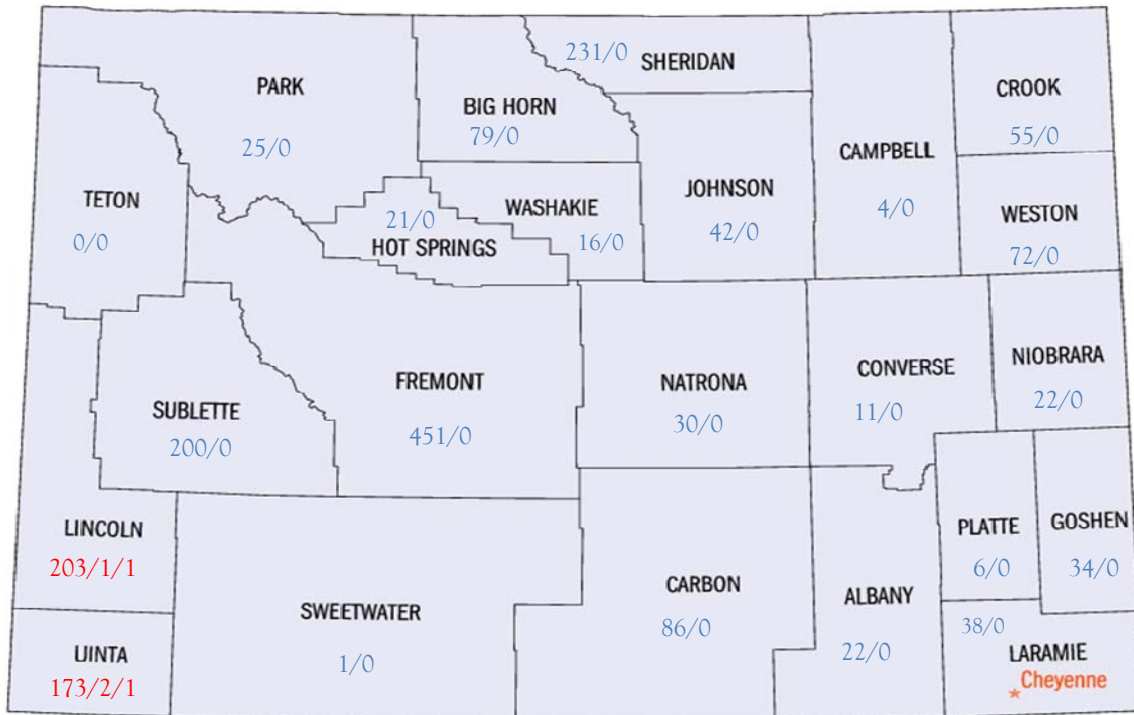
At the present time there is not a charge for these tags. The tags are currently funded through a federal grant from USDA-APHIS administered by the WLSB. ***Please understand***, this policy may change at any time depending on

availability of funding, and a charge for these OCV-RFID tags may be instituted in the future.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to give Dr. Jim Logan, State Veterinarian, or Dr. Bob Meyer, Wyoming Assistant State Veterinarian, a call.

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Trichomoniasis by the Numbers



September 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

First number in counties on map indicates total number bulls tested in the county, second number indicates the number Positive out of that total and third number indicates number of Premises with Trich in that county.

Positive Trich Cases are in Lincoln and Uinta counties.

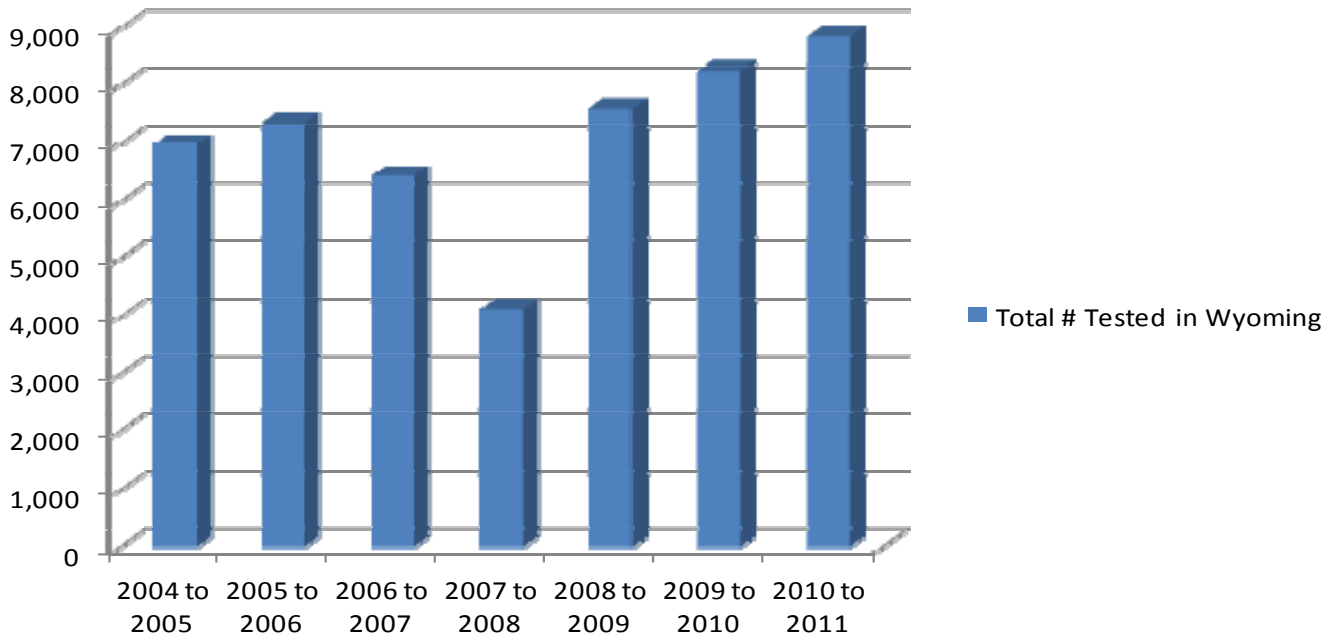
Total number bulls tested in State of Wyoming:	1,822 Head
Number bulls tested negative:	1,819 Head
Number bulls tested positive:	3 Head
Number bulls certified clean after 3 tests:	0 Head
Number bulls tested PCR:	524 Head
Number bulls tested Culture:	1,318 Head

Subsequent positive bulls after initially tested negative:

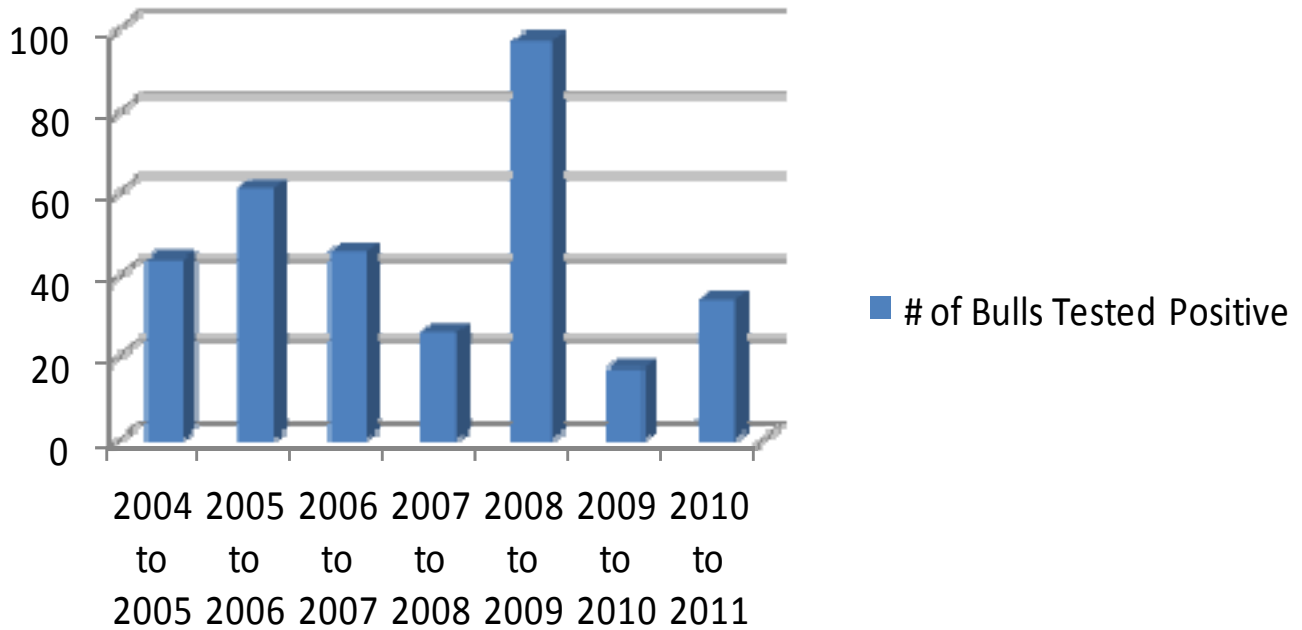
Positive on 2 nd test, after negative on 1 st	0 Head
Positive on 3 rd test, after negative on 1 st & 2 nd	0 Head

By: Lindsay Johnson

Total # Tested in Wyoming



of Bulls Tested Positive



Breeding season dates are from September 1 to August 31



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

HTTP://WLSB.STATE.WY.US

The FDA has a new website for Sharps disposal information.

[http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/
ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/
ConsumerProducts/Sharps/ucm20025647.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/Sharps/ucm20025647.htm)

Minnesota is now requiring
***ALL Cattle of
Mexican Origin*** to have
an import permit. Please con-
tact the Minnesota Board of
Animal Health for permits
and regulations at
651-296-2942.

The Texas Animal Health
Commission has a Regional
Director Veterinarian posi-
tion open in the panhandle
of Texas
[http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/
agency/employment/employ-
ment.html](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/agency/employment/employment.html)

Utah now has online entry permits:

1. Go to Web Site: <http://ag.utah.gov>
2. Click on "Online Services"
3. Under online Services click on "Animal Entry Permits"

The first time you use the system you will have to register which is very easy and straight forward. After the registration, the process should be very seamless and quick. This is a 24 hour service, 7 days a week.

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

Reminder for cattle being imported to Nebraska from Wyoming:

- Health Certificates for cattle **NOT** from the DSA will have to state that the cattle are not from the DSA.
- Please review Nebraska's Import Order. Please take note of part "C" on page two. We have received quite a number of rejected CVI's from the Nebraska State Veterinarian's Office that were rejected due to the required statement not being written.

Thank You Animal Health Unit.



Dave Heineman
Governor

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GREGORY A. IBACH
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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

DENNIS A. HUGHES, DVM)	
STATE VETERINARIAN)	CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTATION ORDER
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY)	FOR IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH)	DESIGNATED SURVEILLANCE AREAS
FOURTH FLOOR)	April 1, 2011
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509)	

Effective April 1, 2011, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is issuing an Importation Order (Order) for cattle and bison originating from the Designated Surveillance Areas (DSA) in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA), encompassing portions of the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming due to ongoing endemic brucellosis affected animals, specifically free-roaming elk and bison. This Importation Order is being issued to protect the Nebraska cattle and bison industries, and to aid in the tracing of cattle and bison which could be used for breeding purposes, imported into Nebraska from these DSAs. All sexually intact cattle and bison, including those going direct to slaughter, shall be subject to this Order when originating from the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, as defined in numbers 1 through 3 below.

1. State of Idaho (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Teton, Bonneville, Fremont, Caribou, and Bear Lake, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Idaho and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS));
2. State of Montana (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Park, Gallatin, Madison, and Beaverhead, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Montana and the USDA/APHIS); and
3. State of Wyoming (Designated Surveillance Area within the counties of Fremont, Park, Sublette, Lincoln, and Teton, as such DSA has been defined and established between the State of Wyoming and USDA/APHIS).

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-701 and 54-753.05, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Importation Regulations, Title 23, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 2, subsection 004.11 (23 NAC 2-004.11), this Order is issued this 1st day of April, 2011, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's livestock industries.

This Order is in addition to requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796); and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC 2); and the Nebraska Amended Dairy Cattle Import Order, dated June 17, 2008.

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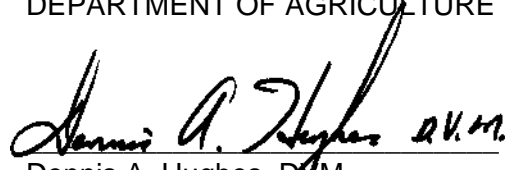
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. **All sexually intact cattle and bison imported into Nebraska (except as noted in B and C below), which originate** from a DSA within the GYA, as listed above in numbers 1 through 3, shall:
1. Be individually identified with permanent, official USDA/APHIS approved identification, except that market backtags shall not be considered a form of permanent, individual identification for purposes of this Order; or
 2. Be individually identified to state of origin (Idaho, Montana, or Wyoming), so long as such identification:
 - a. Provides a unique identification number for the animal; and
 - b. Can be traced back to the herd where the tag was originally applied; and
 3. Enter Nebraska with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which states, "These cattle and bison originated from within one of the DSAs and have permanent, individual identification."
- B. All sexually intact cattle and bison **moving direct to slaughter from a DSA** shall be individually identified with permanent, official USDA/APHIS approved identification, excluding market backtags. **Such cattle and bison do not require a CVI** to be imported into Nebraska, but the individual identification for each animal shall:
1. Identify the GYA state of origin; **and**
 2. Allow the animal to be traced to the herd of original tag application.
- C. All sexually intact cattle and bison, except those moving direct to slaughter, which originate from the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, **but which do not originate from within one of the DSAs**, shall enter Nebraska with a CVI which states, "These cattle and bison do not originate from within the DSA."

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any exceptions to this Order will only be by approval of the Nebraska State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk assessment.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE


Dennis A. Hughes, DVM
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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

DR. DENNIS HUGHES)	
STATE VETERINARIAN)	
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY)	
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)	AMENDED TRICHOMONIASIS
STATE OFFICE BUILDING)	IMPORT ORDER
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH)	AMENDED - August 8, 2008
FOURTH FLOOR)	
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509)	

Trichomoniasis *Tritrichomonas foetus* (*T. foetus*) causes a venereal disease of cattle characterized by fetal abortions, pyometra, and open cows. This Order is being issued to protect the health of Nebraska livestock as the result of Trichomoniasis infections in surrounding states.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-701 and §54-753.05, this Order is issued this 8th day of August, 2008, for the purpose of taking immediate action to protect the health status of Nebraska's dairy and beef cattle industry from imported bulls and cows which may be infected with *T. foetus*. This Embargo Order is in addition to the requirements found in the current Animal Importation Act and Animal Importation Regulations (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 to 54-796, and 23 NAC 2).

ORDER:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. **Health Requirements for Beef and Dairy Breeding Bulls:**
 - a. All bulls over 24 months of age and all non-virgin bulls less than 24 months of age shall have:
 - i. Three consecutive official negative trichomoniasis culture tests at least one week apart; **OR** one negative PCR test within 30 days prior to importation; **AND**
 - ii. Samples submitted for testing shall be collected by an accredited veterinarian and conducted by a laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD); **AND**

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- iii. Not been used for breeding purposes between the tests and the time the bull(s) is imported into Nebraska; **AND**
- b. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) signed by an accredited veterinarian for bulls covered under this Order shall bear the following statement:

“The bull(s) represented on this CVI are not from a known positive T. foetus herd and have had three consecutive official negative T. foetus culture tests which were at least a week apart; or one negative PCR test within 30 days prior to importation, and there has been no breeding activity since the first culture test or the PCR test.”
- c. All bulls offered for sale at an auction market, imported for breeding purposes, must meet the requirements of this Order prior to being offered for sale.

2. Exceptions to Testing Requirements for Bulls:

- a. Virgin bulls aged 24 months of age or less must be accompanied by a CVI containing a signed statement from an accredited veterinarian that the bulls have had no contact with breeding females.
- b. Bulls imported into Nebraska for slaughter only or those consigned directly to a licensed slaughter establishment or to a licensed livestock market and then directly to a licensed slaughter establishment.
- c. Bulls imported into Nebraska not to be used for breeding purposes, such as bulls imported for exhibitions, rodeos, bull test stations, or feedlots for feeding purposes and then direct to slaughter.
- d. Nebraska origin breeding bulls going to another state for seasonal grazing purposes may return to Nebraska without testing if accompanied by a CVI with the following statement, “these breeding bulls have not commingled with any other herd.” The CVI must be issued within 30 days of import into Nebraska.

3. BEEF AND DAIRY BREEDING FEMALES:

Breeding females originating from a known positive T. foetus herd will **not be** allowed to enter Nebraska unless they are consigned directly to slaughter.

- a. Breeding females imported into Nebraska and not consigned to an approved Nebraska Livestock Auction Market, must have **one or more** of the following statements placed on the CVI and signed by an accredited veterinarian of the herd of origin:
 - i. “The heifers listed on this CVI are known virgin heifers.”

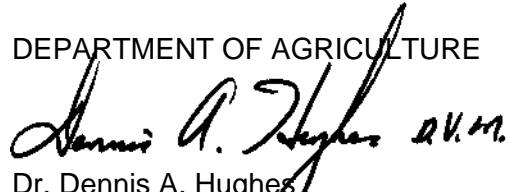
- ii. "Heifers listed on this CVI were exposed for their first breeding only to a known negative *T. foetus* bull* or artificially inseminated, and are not yet 120 days pregnant."
 - iii. "Cows or heifers listed on this CVI are at least 120 days pregnant."
 - iv. "The cows listed on this CVI **did not** originate from a known positive *T. foetus* herd, have a calf at side, and have not had any exposure to known positive *T. foetus* bull(s) or bull(s) of unknown *T. foetus* status since calving."
 - v. "The cows listed on this CVI have had no exposure to other than known negative *T. foetus* bulls* since parturition."
- b. Breeding females offered for sale at an auction market, imported for breeding purposes, **must meet one** of the criteria listed below prior to being offered for sale. Owners or custodians of these animals, the market veterinarian (3., b., iii), or both shall sign an affidavit stating the breeding females being offered for sale meet one of the following criteria.
- i. "The heifers being offered for sale are known virgin heifers."
 - ii. "The heifers listed being offered for sale were exposed for their first breeding, only to a known negative *T. foetus* bull* or artificially inseminated, and are not yet 120 days pregnant."
 - iii. "The cows or heifers being offered for sale are at least 120 days pregnant."
 - iv. "The cows being offered for sale **did not** originate from a known positive *T. foetus* herd, have a calf at side, and have not had any exposure to known positive *T. foetus* bull(s) or bull(s) of unknown *T. foetus* status since calving."
 - v. "The cows being offered for sale have had no exposure to other than known negative *T. foetus* bulls* since parturition."
- c. Cows and heifers moving directly to slaughter, or to a feedlot for feeding purposes and then to slaughter, are not subject to the requirements herein.

*Known negative *T. foetus* breeding bulls have been tested and found negative for *T. foetus* by three consecutive official negative *T. foetus* culture tests which were at least a week apart or one negative PCR test within 30 days prior to importation, and there has been no breeding activity since the first qualifying test. Such tests shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. The three tests shall be conducted at least one week apart, and there was no breeding activity since the first test.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any additional exceptions to this Order will only be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



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