

Federal / WV BR Certification- Cervid Herds

In order to have a Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd it must include all the animals in the herd. These may include a certified herd that has been purchased or a herd may qualify for Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid status by complete herd testing, as follows:

- 1) Complete herd test of all sexually intact cervids in the herd 6 months of age or older must have two consecutive negative tests 9 to 15 months apart.
- 2) A herd test is not required if the purchased animals remain on the same premises. If part or the entire purchased herd is moved directly to premises that have no other animals the herd may retain the Brucellosis free herd status. A new certification number will be issued and the anniversary date of the new herd will be the test date of the most recent herd test.

To maintain your Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd status all eligible animals in the herd must have a negative test between 33 and 39 months after the last certification date. If suspects or reactors are found on recertification testing, certification status will be terminated and a herd investigation will be initiated.

Purchased Additions-

- 1) Animals originating from Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herds do not need to be tested prior to movement; it is recommended that they be tested between 60 and 180 days after addition to the Certified herd.
- 2) Animals purchased from cervid herds not Certified Brucellosis-Free cannot be considered part of the certified herd until the following three blood tests have been conducted:
 - a. Within 30 days prior to movement from the herd of origin;
 - b. Between 60 and 180 days after addition to the Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd; and
 - c. As part of the herd blood test on the recertification test following the second test.