

## TB-237

### Federal / WV Maintenance of an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd

It has come to our attention that there have been some changes in the testing of cattle and bison herds for tuberculosis reaccreditation. Yearly testing for reaccreditation is no longer necessary. The accreditation period will be 24 months from the anniversary date and not 24 months from the date of the reaccreditation test. To qualify for reaccreditation, the herd must pass a negative test within 21-27 months of the anniversary date. For continuous herd accreditation, the reaccreditation test must be conducted on the anniversary date or within a time period of 3 months prior to the anniversary date. If the reaccreditation test is conducted following the anniversary date, the accredited status of the herd will be suspended until the reaccreditation test is completed. If the reaccreditation test is not completed within 3 months following the anniversary date, the requirements of reaccrediting the herd will be the same as for initial herd accreditation.

To qualify for Accredited herd status, the herd must pass at least two consecutive official tuberculosis tests conducted within an interval of 9-15 months with no evidence of bovine tuberculosis.

The complete version of the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules can be found at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/tuberculosis/downloads/tb-umr.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/tuberculosis/downloads/tb-umr.pdf)

Purchased Additions: Herd additions must originate directly from one of the following:

1. Accredited herds.
2. Herd in an Accredited-Free State
3. Herd in modified Accredited Area that has passed a herd test of all animals over 24 months of age within 12 months, and the individual animals for addition were negative to the tuberculin test conducted within 60 days.
4. Herd is a Modified Accredited Area not meeting requirements of 1, 2, or 3 of this paragraph, the individual animals for addition must pass a negative test within 60 days prior to entering the premises of the accredited herd and must be kept in isolation from all members of the accredited herd until negative to a test conducted after 60 days of the date of entry.
5. Animals added fewer than 2, 3 and 4 shall not receive accredited herd status for sale purposes until they have been members of the herd at least 60 days and are included in a herd test.

A health certificate identifying the origin of each purchased addition classifying it in one of the above four categories, is to be submitted with the TB test chart.

Additions not qualifying in the above categories will disqualify the herd for reaccreditation. Any retagging or changes of identity must be clarified so that the previous identity can be established.