

Federal / WV TB Accreditation- Cervid Herds

In order to have an accredited cervid herd all eligible captive cervids 1 year of age or older and any other captive cervids other than natural additions under 1 year of age should have two negative tuberculosis test conducted in 9-15 month intervals. The tuberculosis testing must be done through a designated accredited veterinarian trained and approved by a cooperating State and Federal animal health officials.

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

- 1) Captive herds under 1 year of age that are not natural additions do not have to be test if they were born in and originate from an accredited herd. The owner of the herd must show documentation issued from a State or Federal animal health official stating that the herd is a classified accredited herd.
- 2) The captive cervid must be moved directly from an accredited herd;
 - A) The captive cervid to be added must be from a qualified or monitored herd and have a negative tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to movement to the premises of the accredited herd. Any captive cervid moved from a qualified or monitored herd must also be isolated from all members of the accredited herd until it tests negative to an official tuberculosis test conducted at least 90 days following the date of arrival to the premises.
 - B) If the captive herd to be added is not being moved from a classified herd, the captive cervid must be isolated from all members of the herd of origin and must test negative to two official tuberculosis tests conducted 90 days apart and 90 days prior to movement into the accredited herd.
 - C) A captive cervid to be added must not be exposed during 90 days prior to its movement to a captive cervid from a herd with a lower classification or a tuberculosis livestock.

To maintain your accredited herd status, the herd must test negative to an official tuberculosis test within 33-39 months from the anniversary date of the second consecutive test (test on which the herd is recognized accredited) with no evidence of tuberculosis disclosed. Herds tested 39 months after the anniversary date will be suspended for the interim between the anniversary date and the date of the reaccreditation test and be considered “unclassified” during the suspension period in which captive cervids may be moved interstate from the herd only in accordance with movement requirements for that State or zone which the herd is located.