

## BR-236

### Federal / WV Maintenance of Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd

For those herds that are also part of the brucellosis certification program, the conditions for brucellosis certification have not changed. In summary, for initial certification the herd must be tested twice, 10 to 14 months apart. If the brucellosis milk surveillance test (BMST) is used, herds can qualify for certification in 9 months. For recertification, the herd must have a negative herd blood test between 10 and 12 months after the last certification date for continuous status. A 60-day grace period is allowed, during which a herd may be reinstated with a single negative herd blood test.

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

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_diseases/brucellosis/downloads/umr\\_bovine\\_bruc.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/brucellosis/downloads/umr_bovine_bruc.pdf)

Animals appearing on any completed herd test for recertification must meet certain standards in order to qualify for entry into a certified herd, and the herd owner must verify that all animals added to or included in the complete herd test have met such standards.

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

1. Were included on the preceding annual test of the herd and have remained on the premises, or
2. Are natural additions to the herd, but were too young to test on preceding test, or
3. If purchased additions, they were purchased from a certified herd, or
4. If purchased, but not from a certified herd, they must have been tested at the time of purchase, held in isolation for a minimum period of 120 days, and have been retested and negative at the end of this period, or
5. Official calfhood vaccinated animals purchased from a non-certified herd, must have been held in isolation for a minimum period of 120 days,
  - A. The end of the period, or
  - B. Such time they reach test eligible age at 24 months for beef breeds or 20 months for dairy.