



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-5-06 Designating herd to be certified brucellosis free.

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- (A) The division of animal health may designate a herd of cattle to be certified brucellosis free if:
- (1) The herd passed at least two consecutive negative herd blood tests which were not less than twelve months nor more than eighteen months apart; and
 - (2) All herd blood tests were conducted at an approved laboratory or a laboratory operated by the department.
- (B) The division of animal health may recertify a herd as brucellosis free for three hundred sixty-five days if:
- (1) It passes a negative herd blood test prior to the end of four hundred twenty-five days after the date of the certification or recertification test; and
 - (2) All herd blood tests were conducted at an approved laboratory or a laboratory operated by the department.
- (C) If any blood test of an animal which is a member of a certified brucellosis free herd reveals:
- (1) One positive animal, the division of animal health shall:
 - (a) Suspend the certified brucellosis free status of the herd; and
 - (b) Continue the suspension until the herd passes a negative whole herd blood test conducted at least sixty days following removal of the positive.
 - (2) More than one positive the division of animal health shall:
 - (a) Suspend the certified brucellosis free status of the herd; and
 - (b) Require that the herd comply with all requirements stated in paragraph (A) of this rule before the division of animal health may recertify the herd as brucellosis free.
 - (3) One or more suspects the division of animal health shall suspend the certified brucellosis free status of the herd. Prior to recertification of the herd, the following shall be required:
 - (a) Each suspect be classified as negative to a brucellosis test; or



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- (b) A complete negative whole herd blood test if any suspect is not available for retest, unless the suspect not available has been identified as an official brucellosis vaccinate.
- (D) The department shall suspend the certified brucellosis free status of a herd if each addition to the herd is not:
 - (1) A natural herd addition; or
 - (2) From a herd with equal brucellosis free status; or
 - (3) An animal which tests negative for brucellosis:
 - (a) Thirty days prior to addition to the herd; and
 - (b) Not less than sixty days after addition to the herd; and
 - (c) Such tests were conducted at a laboratory approved by or operated by the department.
- (E) The division of animal health shall not grant status as a member of the certified brucellosis free herd, for sale purposes, to any animal added to the herd under paragraph (D)(3) of this rule until the animal:
 - (1) Has tested negative for brucellosis within sixty to one hundred twenty days after being added to the herd; and
 - (2) Has been included in a complete herd retest.
- (F) The department may conduct additional blood tests of any certified brucellosis free herd at any time which the department deems advisable.