

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.

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.