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### Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Animal Health Advisory

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has requirements for obtaining and maintaining both Accredited Tuberculosis-Free and Certified Brucellosis-Free Cervid as follows:

Two annual complete herd tests of all eligible animals are required to attain free status for both disease programs. Herds must be re-tested every 36 months for maintenance of Accredited Tuberculosis-Free and Certified Brucellosis-Free status. A summary of new requirements are as follows:

#### Animals eligible to be tested:

- **Tuberculosis** – Testing must include all captive cervids and all other hoof stock older than 12 months of age. Animals younger than 12 months of age must also be tested, unless they are natural additions or originated from an accredited herd.
- **Brucellosis** – All sexually intact captive cervids in the herd 12 months of age and older must be tested.

#### Qualifying Standards:

- **Tuberculosis** - Herd must pass at least two consecutive official tests for tuberculosis conducted from 9 months to 15 months apart with no evidence of the disease.
- **Brucellosis** – The herd must pass at least two consecutive official tests for brucellosis conducted from 9 months to 15 months apart with no evidence of the disease.

#### Testing of Additions:

- **Tuberculosis** – Animals added must originate from one of the following, meeting listed requirements, and have no exposure to captive cervids from herds of lesser status than the additions' herd-of-origin:
  - Accredited-Free Herd: no additional testing
  - Qualified or monitored herd: Individual animals must have negative results on an official tuberculosis test conducted within 90 days prior to entry, and be isolated within the new herd until completing a negative result on an official tuberculosis test conducted at least 90 days following entry. *\*\*These additions will not receive accredited status for sale/movement purposes until after the second test.*
  - Herd not meeting the requirements above: Individual animals for addition must be isolated from all other members of the herd of origin and must have negative results on two official tests for tuberculosis conducted at least 90 days apart. The second of these tests must be completed within 90 days prior to the movement into the accredited herd premise. Upon movement, additions must be kept in isolation until each has a negative result on an official tuberculosis test conducted at least 90 days following the date of entry. *\*\*These additions will not receive accredited status for sale/movement purposes until after the second test.*

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- **Brucellosis** – Additions must originate from one of the following:
  - Certified Brucellosis-Free herds: Animals originating from Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herds do not need to be tested prior to movement.
  - All other herds: Animals purchased from cervid herds are not Certified Brucellosis-Free until the following three blood tests have been conducted:
    - Within 30 days prior to movement from the herd of origin;
    - Between 60 and 180 days after addition to the Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd; and
    - As part of the herd blood test on recertification test following the second test.

**Maintenance of Status:**

- **Tuberculosis Reaccreditation**—Accredited herds must pass a test within a period of 33 to 39 months of the anniversary date. The accreditation period will be 36 months (1095 days) from the anniversary date (not 36 months from the date of the reaccreditation test).
- **Brucellosis Recertification**—All test-eligible animals in the herd must have a negative test for brucellosis 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.

The tuberculosis status of participating herds was updated in the summer of 2006. Running the programs concurrently should reduce stress on animals as well as cost for producers.

Herds that are currently Certified-Free of Brucellosis will have an extra year added to their status. Herds that have completed two required herd tests will be considered fully certified. Herd owners will be sent a letter indicating these status changes including updated information on their anniversary (contract) dates and due dates.

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