

The following replaces Part III.A.2.i on page 17 of the *Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program Standards, Effective June 30, 2007*.

- I. Owners of flocks enrolled in the export-monitored category, including export-certified flocks, will ensure and document the following:
  1. That all culls are either slaughtered under State or Federal inspection or inspected for clinical signs by an accredited veterinarian or State or Federal inspector within 30 days prior to sale.
  2. That suitable tissues are submitted from any animal:
    - a. Exhibiting a chronic wasting condition or other signs associated with scrapie, or
    - b. That died at over 14 months of age (excluding clinically normal animals slaughtered under State or Federal inspection or inspected by an accredited veterinarian or State or Federal inspector within 30 days prior to slaughter) except as provided in Part III A.2.j.1;
  3. That at least 30 animals (at least five in each 2-year period except as provided in Part III A.2.j.2 or 3) over 14 months of age born on the premises or that have lambed on the premises that are representative of the flock are tested for scrapie with negative results. Genetically susceptible live animals over 14 months of age may be tested using an approved live animal test to meet the testing requirement.
  4. That, if animals over 14 months of age were lost to inventory, an additional 2 animals (maximum of 30 total animals per year) have been tested for scrapie with negative results except as provided in Part III A.2.j.3. NOTE: "Lost to inventory" only applies to animals on operations where dead animals are not discovered because of predators, adverse weather, or similar situations. Animals known to be genetically less susceptible or resistant may not be used to meet this testing requirement unless all the genetically susceptible members have already been tested. Genetically less susceptible or resistant animals may only be tested at necropsy.
- J. Sampling in flocks enrolled in the export-monitored category may be limited as follows:
  1. Sample collections may be limited to five animals per occasion when a State or Federal veterinarian determines that the animals died from a mass casualty (where numerous animals die over a short period of time from the same apparent cause) such as poisoning, flooding, or disease. In these cases the State or Federal veterinarian will select the five highest-risk animals for sampling.
  2. If no animals over 14 months of age are lost to inventory, sample collections may be limited to:
    - a. Postmortem testing of all animals found dead at over 14 months of age and all animals that exhibit a chronic wasting condition or

- other signs associated with scrapie; and
  - b. Live animal testing with negative results of all genetically susceptible animals over 14 months of age or that have given birth in the flock, using an approved live animal test prior to sale or disposal unless arrangements have been made for them to be sampled at slaughter.
  - 3. Sampling may be limited to all animals over 14 months of age found dead, postmortem testing prior to certification of all females present when first enrolled, and any acquired females (other than females acquired from free countries or export-certified flocks) that may have lambed on the premises; except that any animal that has lived for at least 7 years in the flock and is still alive and healthy when the flock is eligible for certification may be exempted from postmortem testing.
- K. Required testing must be completed before the flock can be export certified. If fewer than 30 animals over 14 months of age have been tested with negative results at the time the flock is otherwise eligible for export certification, the testing requirement may be met through third eyelid, rectal, lymph node, or tonsil biopsy, or other approved live animal testing of all genetically susceptible animals in the flock when they are over 14 months of age, with negative results.
- L. Once a flock is export certified, sampling and scrapie testing will be limited to all animals over 14 months of age found dead or that show clinical signs of scrapie with negative results, and two cull animals for each animal over 14 months of age lost to inventory (maximum of 30 total animals per year). Requirements for inspection of culls, as specified in I.1, do not change when a flock becomes export certified.