

**Strategy and Policy (SP)**  
**Ruminant Health Center**  
**Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Surveillance Results**  
**Monthly Reports, Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020**

## **TUBERCULOSIS**

### **New Information**

#### **April 2020**

- Michigan herd #76 was released from quarantine in April 2020, following completion of their test and remove program and implementation of a herd plan.
- Michigan herd #77:
  - Final culture results for the animals removed from this herd during the assessment test confirmed *M. bovis* in six of eight cattle. WGS reveals that isolates from this outbreak all share a common ancestor with two deer isolates and an isolate from an infected beef herd in the same county.
- Michigan herd #78:
  - A preliminary partial report on the WGS from herd #78 reveals that the isolates from this outbreak match the isolates from herd #77, which share an ancestor with isolates from two deer and one beef herd from the same county. Final culture and WGS results are pending.
  - The four animals removed from herd #78 during the assessment test were necropsied. None of the animals had gross lesions consistent with bTB nor were they histocompatible at NVSL. Culture is pending.
  - The remaining animals at this operation were moved to a terminal feedlot on a VS 1-27. The animals remain under quarantine at the feedlot and can only move directly to slaughter on a VS 1-27. The affected farm remains under quarantine until it completes C&D and meets the components of its herd plan.
- Texas herd 20-1 completed its assessment test after one TB-affected cow originating from this herd was disclosed at slaughter in January 2020. There were 126 CCT suspects and reactors which were necropsied. No histo-compatible results were reported on any of these animals. Cultures are pending. The next herd test is tentatively scheduled for October 2020.
- Texas herd 19-2 completed one of its whole herd removal tests with 14 CFT responders. All were CCT negative and inspected at slaughter with no lesions reported.
- Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and local VS completed a whole herd test at a dairy that received TB-exposed animals. There were 3 CFT positives, all were CCT negative.
- One histocompatible case was identified through routine slaughter from the Wisconsin 18 herd. This cow was voluntarily culled along with 13 others. No other cases were detected from this group. This herd had completed six removal tests which the last four were negative whole herd tests. The last negative herd test was in November 2019. This herd was scheduled for a 6 month verification test in May but its testing plan will be modified based on this slaughter detection.

**Table 1.** Bovine TB cases found through routine slaughter inspection, FY 2020.<sup>a</sup>

| Laboratory Status                | New TB Cases<br>April 1 - 30, 2020 |              | Cumulative TB Cases<br>October 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020 |              |       |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|-------|
|                                  | Fed cattle                         | Adult cattle | Fed cattle  | Adult cattle | Total |
| <i>M. bovis</i> cases, confirmed | 0                                  | 1            | 3   | 2            | 5     |

<sup>a</sup> Animals detected only through routine Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)/State-inspected slaughter. Animals sent to slaughter for diagnostic purposes on a 1-27 permit, “Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals” are not included.

<sup>b</sup> Confirmed by *M. bovis* identification; or Histo compatible and PCR positive for *M. TB* complex.

### March 2020

- Michigan herd #74 was released from quarantine in March 2020, following completion of their test and remove program and implementation of the herd plan, including infrastructure improvements to mitigate wildlife risk.
- Michigan herd #77:
  - A preliminary partial report on the WGS from herd #77 reveals that the isolates from this outbreak share an ancestor with isolates from two deer and one beef herd from the same county. Final culture and WGS results are pending.
  - The eight animals removed from herd #77 during the first round of test and remove were necropsied. Three animals were found to have gross lesions consistent with bTB and were histocompatible. PCR was not run since this herd was already confirmed to be bTB affected. Culture and WGS are pending.
- Michigan herd #78:
  - As part of the Epi investigation of herd #77, seven exposed heifers were located in the AFZ in a backgrounder operation with a total of about 120 animals. The seven exposed animals were removed and necropsied. One of the seven animals had gross lesions consistent with bTB, was histocompatible at NVSL, and confirmed via PCR in March 2020. Culture and WGS are pending.
  - A whole herd CFT with gamma in parallel was administered in March 2020. This was the assessment test for this herd, and four animals were removed and submitted for necropsy.
  - This herd will complete a feedlot agreement in which the exposed animals will be quarantined at a feedlot until moved directly to slaughter.
- Michigan feedlot #6:
  - As part of the epi investigation of herd #77, five exposed steers were located in the AFZ in a small feedlot with a total of about 50 animals. CFTs were preformed on all five steers and one was a CFT responder. The CFT responder was necropsied and had gross lesions consistent with bTB, was histocompatible at NVSL, and confirmed via PCR in March 2020. Culture and WGS are pending.

### February 2020

- Two histo compatible cases were identified during routine slaughter
  - Both were fed steer. One with only unofficial ID, partial tissue match to lesion tissue and Mexican origin noted on the 6-35. The other with official ID, tissue

matched the lesion tissue and Mexican origin.

- Michigan herd #77 completed its first round of test and remove in mid February with a total of eight animals removed and submitted for necropsy.

**January 2020**

- Routine annual surveillance testing in December in the Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) of Michigan detected seven comparative cervical test (CCT) reactors/suspects in a small beef operation (herd #77). Six of the seven animals had gross lesions consistent with bTB, were histocompatible at NVSL and confirmed via PCR as mycobacterium tuberculosis in January 2020. Culture and whole genome sequencing are pending. This herd will remain under quarantine until it completes a test and remove program.
- One histocompatible case was identified during routine slaughter in an adult dairy cow with unofficial ID only. DNA on included tissue matched lesion. Traced to dairy herd in Texas (TX 20-1), herd test in progress.

**December 2019**

- One histocompatible case was identified during routine slaughter in a fed cow and traced to a herd in Nebraska that voluntarily sent the remaining animals to slaughter.
- One histocompatible case was identified during routine slaughter in an adult Angus cow and traced to a feedlot in Oklahoma.

**November 2019**

- One Texas dairy herd successfully completed its test and remove herd plan.

**October 2019**

- Herd #73 in MI MAZ was released from quarantine mid October 2019, following completion of the test and remove program and implementation of the herd plan, including infrastructure improvements to mitigate wildlife risk.
- A New Mexico herd was released from quarantine following completion of their test and remove program. Their annual post quarantine release assurance test is scheduled for September 2020.

**Table 2.** Livestock herds confirmed infected with bovine TB and under quarantine. Includes test-and-remove managed herds under quarantine from previous years. Herds will be removed when the quarantine on the TB-affected premises has been released.

| Location   | Date Detected | Method of Detection | Herd Type | Herd Management Plan |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| MI-AFZ #78 | March 2020    | Epi Investigation   | Beef      | Feedlot Agreement    |
| MI-MAZ #77 | January 2020  | Area Surveillance   | Beef      | Test-and-Remove      |
| TX 20-1    | January 2020  | Slaughter Trace     | Dairy     | Test-and-Remove      |

|            |               |                   |             |                 |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| TX 19-3    | August 2019   | Slaughter Trace   | Beef        | Test-and-Remove |
| NM 19      | May 2019      | Slaughter Trace   | Dairy       | Test-and-Remove |
| MI-AFZ #75 | April 2019    | Area Surveillance | Beef        | Depopulated     |
| TX 19-2    | February 2019 | Epi Investigation | Calf Raiser | Test-and-Remove |
| TX 19-1    | February 2019 | Epi Investigation | Dairy       | Test-and-Remove |
| WI 18      | October 2018  | Slaughter Trace   | Dairy       | Test-and Remove |
| MI-MAZ #67 | November 2016 | Area Testing      | Beef        | Test-and-Remove |
| TX 15      | June 2015     | Slaughter Trace   | Dairy       | Test-and-Remove |

## **BRUCELLOSIS**

### **New Information**

#### **April 2020**

- The affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-2) beef herd detected in December 2019 had a post calving test conducted at the end of March with negative results. The herd was released from quarantine in April. Assurance test is scheduled for the fall 2020.
- The affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-3) beef herd detected in November 2019 has undergone two whole herd tests with negative results. Yearling heifers will be tested mid to late April and final post-calving test will be conducted in late May.
- The affected Montana DSA (MT 20-1) livestock herd detected on an annual test and placed under quarantine in November 2019 will have next whole herd test conducted in fall 2020.
- Idaho DSA (ID 20-1) captive elk/cattle herd detected in November 2019, the cattle herd is managed as a separate epidemiological unit will have an assurance test performed in fall 2020.

#### **March 2020**

- The affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-3) beef herd detected in November 2019 conducted a second whole herd test in mid-March with negative results.
- The affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-1) beef herd detected in November 2019 has now passed two whole herd tests with negative results. Replacements heifers were bled mid March with negative results. Next herd test will be a post-calving test in May.
- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-2) beef herd detected in December 2019 passed a second whole herd test in early January with negative results. The post calving test was conducted at the end of March with negative results.

- The affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-4) bison herd was detected and placed under quarantine in November 2019. A single, two year old bison heifer was found to be a serological reactor in a herd of ~ 600 (female) bison. A partial herd test (~60 head) was negative late March. Herd management practices indicate this herd will employ once per year testing with the next scheduled for December 2020.

### **February 2020**

- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-3) beef herd is undergoing its second whole herd test in March.
- The cattle herd portion of Idaho DSA (ID 20-1) captive elk/cattle herd is being handled as a separate epidemiological unit (adjacent herd) and had a negative whole herd test completed in mid-February.

### **January 2020**

- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-4) bison herd was detected and placed under quarantine in November 2019. A single two year old bison heifer was found to be a serological reactor in a herd of approximately 600 (female) bison. The tissues submitted for culture were negative for *B. abortus* but the herd was designated affected in January 2020 based on serology, the epidemiological investigation, and herd history. Herd management practices indicate this herd will employ once/year testing.
- An Idaho DSA (ID 20-1) captive elk herd was detected from a MCI sample and placed under quarantine in November 2019. Initial whole herd test revealed 3 reactor elk cows, 1 suspect elk cow, and 5 reactor elk bulls. All three elk cows were culture positive for *B. abortus* in January 2020 for samples submitted to NVSL. One of the elk cows was without identification and was believed to be a wild elk that had entered the captive pens and became the transmission source. There is a herd of 510 cattle on the premises under the same owner that will be managed as a separate epidemiological unit.
- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-1) beef herd detected in November 2019 has now passed two whole herd tests with negative results. Next herd test will be a post calving test in late spring.
- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-3) beef herd detected in November 2019 has passed one whole herd test in early January with negative results. Next herd test will be in mid-March.

### **December 2019**

- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-2) beef herd was detected and placed under quarantine in December 2019. A single reactor heifer in a whole herd test was culture positive for *B. abortus* in samples submitted to NVSL. The heifer herd is epidemiologically separate from the cow herd and has passed two whole group tests with negative results. Next herd test will be a post calving test in late spring.
- An affected Montana DSA (MT 20-1) livestock herd was detected on an annual test and placed under quarantine in November 2019. A DSA annual herd test revealed a single three year old reactor cow. This cow was culture positive for *B. abortus* in December 2019 for samples submitted to NVSL. Herd management practices indicate this herd will employ once/year testing. All adjacent premises engage in annual testing also and were all negative.
- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-3) beef herd was detected and placed under quarantine in November 2019. A single reactor cow was culture positive in December 2019 for *B. abortus* in samples submitted to NVSL. Next whole herd test will be

conducted in January.

**November 2019**

- An affected Wyoming DSA (WY 20-1) beef herd was detected and placed under quarantine in November 2019. Two reactor heifers were found in a herd of approximately 480 head. Only one of the reactors was available for necropsy and it cultured negative for *B. abortus*. The herd was designated as affected based on serology and the epidemiological investigation. This herd has passed two whole herd tests with negative results. Next herd test will be a post calving test in late spring.
- Fall testing of the Montana DSA (MT 10) livestock herd started early November and was completed in December. Testing revealed 4 suspects. Next test is scheduled for fall 2020.

**October 2019**

- No update.

**Table 1.** Livestock herds confirmed with brucellosis and under quarantine. Includes test-and-remove managed herds under quarantine from previous years. Herds will be removed when the quarantine on the brucellosis-affected premises has been released.

| Location | Date Detected | Method of Detection      | Herd Type <sup>a</sup> | Herd Management Plan |
|----------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| WY 20-4  | January 2020  | DSA Surveillance testing | Bison                  | Test-and-Remove      |
| ID 20-1  | January 2020  | DSA Surveillance testing | Elk/Beef               | Test-and-Remove      |
| MT 20-1  | December 2019 | DSA Surveillance testing | Livestock              | Test-and-Remove      |
| WY 20-3  | December 2019 | DSA Surveillance testing | Beef                   | Test-and-Remove      |
| WY 20-1  | November 2019 | DSA Surveillance testing | Beef                   | Test-and-Remove      |
| MT 10    | November 2010 | DSA Surveillance testing | Livestock              | Test-and-Remove      |