

# **Obtaining an Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) Pre-Export Test for Rodeo Cattle of the breeds Corriente, Brahman Texas Longhorns, and American Bucking Bulls (ABBI)\***

## **Guidance For Accredited Veterinarians**

For exportations of U.S. cattle of the breeds Corriente, Brahman, Texas Longhorn, and American Bucking Bull (ABBI)\* to Canada on the Cattle for Breeding to Canada certificate for any purpose, an **Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)** test is required for pre-export testing for bovine tuberculosis (*M. Bovis*), **in addition** to the caudal fold test. This requirement is as follows:

**Rodeo or roping type cattle limited to the breeds Corriente, Brahman, Texas Longhorns, and American Bucking Bull (ABBI)\* (other than those temporarily imported under 90 days for exhibition) are also required to be tested negative by the Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test in addition to the caudal fold test, regardless of end-use in Canada. The blood sample must be drawn between 72 hours and 30 days following the caudal fold injection.**

\*NOTE: If the animal is considered an “American Bucking Bull/ ABBI” animal, but is not of the breeds Corriente, Brahman, or Texas Longhorn, the importer may apply for a CFIA import permit, listing the accurate breed lineage of the animal other than American Bucking Bull/ ABBI, and the animal ***will not*** require an IGRA test. In these cases, the entry of “breed/category” on the corresponding export health certificate must match the CFIA import permit. All animals listed as “American Bucking Bull/ ABBI” on the CFIA import permit, or in the “breed/category” field of the export health certificate must have an IGRA test, regardless of true breed lineage.

### **HOW TO OBTAIN THE IGRA TEST:**

For exports of these specific breeds to Canada, please contact the APHIS Veterinarian In Charge (VIC) for the State of origin of the animals to notify them of the need for an IGRA test to satisfy the export requirements. The VIC will coordinate the testing request (to include timing for sample collection and submission) for the IGRA test to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA.