



**Brucellosis Testing: What is Required?
(From MT Department of Livestock Web Site)**

The information below is drawn from the USDA-APHIS Uniform Methods & Rules for Brucellosis Eradication. It should be used as a guideline only.

	Testing Requirements	
Cattle Type	In-state shipments	Out-of-state shipments
Non-exposed, non-quarantined cattle:		
Steers	None	None
Spayed Heifers	None	None
Bulls under 18 months of age*	None	None
Cattle under 18 months of age*	None	None
Cattle for immediate slaughter	None	None if being moved to recognized slaughter establishments or to specifically approved stockyards or State-approved to be sold for immediate slaughter if the identity of the nonquarantined herd is maintained.
Test-eligible** breeding cattle	Voluntary test recommended 45-120 days after	Must have a negative test within 30 days of shipment from farm of origin to farm of

	movement	destination.
Rodeo Bulls	None	None if: Bulls have been subjected to an official negative test within the previous 12 months, and Each bull is individually identified, and There is no change of ownership, and Proper health certificates accompany each movement, and State officials were notified in advance of all movements.

*as evidenced by the presence of the first pair of temporary incisor teeth. **Sexually intact animals over 18 months of age.

How have other states responded?

NORTH DAKOTA

STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective June 16, 2008, Board Order 2007-02 is rescinded and the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health, due to the impending loss of brucellosis free status for Montana, will require brucellosis testing for all test eligible cattle being imported into the state from Montana.

This Order is issued this 12th day of June, 2008, for the purpose of taking effect on June 16, 2008:

1. All sexually intact cattle and bison must obtain a permit number prior to entering North Dakota.

2. All test eligible cattle and bison must be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering North Dakota.

- Females
18 months of age or older or
females of any age that have calved or
females of any age that are parturient (springers).
- Bulls – 12 months of age and older.

The only exceptions to this Order will be by approval of the State Veterinarian based upon an epidemiological evaluation, risk determination.

This Order is issued pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 36-01-08 and 36-01-12. The State Veterinarian is directed to carry out this Order pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 36-01-06. This Order remains in effect until further notice.

COLORADO BRUCELLOSIS IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR MONTANA BOVINE

June 12, 2008

Due to the recent announcement that Montana will likely lose its Brucellosis free status, Colorado will impose the following import requirements for cattle, bison and yak entering the state from Montana. These requirements will go into effect on June 16, 2008:

- 1). All cattle, bison and yak must obtain an entry permit number prior to entering Colorado.
- 2). All sexually intact female cattle, bison and yak over 4 months of age shall be Official Calhoo Vaccinates (OCV) for Brucellosis with a legible tattoo and an OCV eartag.
- 3). All test eligible cattle, bison and yak must be negative to an official test for Brucellosis within 30 days prior to entering Colorado. Test eligibility for Colorado includes:

- Females

18 months of age or older

Females of any age that have calved

Females of any age that are parturient (springers).

- Bulls – 12 months of age or older.
- Steers and spayed heifers will not need a Brucellosis test.

The only exceptions to these entry requirements will be by approval of the State Veterinarian based upon risk determination supported by epidemiological evaluation. These requirements will remain in effect until further notice.

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DATE: June 11, 2008
TO: All Large Animal and Saleyard Veterinarians
FROM: State Veterinarian
RE: MONTANA CATTLE – BRUCELOSIS TESTING

A second case of Brucellosis found in Montana livestock has cost the state its class free status. Therefore, a negative test for Brucellosis within 30 days of entry will be required on the following class of cattle coming from Montana:

1. Any breed bull over six months,
2. Any beef breed female over 24 months,
3. Any dairy female over 20 months.

Any breed female over four months of age will need to be vaccinated for Brucellosis.

Cattle going to a State-Federally Approved livestock market for sale can be tested on arrival to meet import or destination requirements.

Cattle going to Restricted Feedlots are exempt from the testing and vaccination requirement.

NOTE: Tuberculosis testing continues to be required on all dairy bulls and females over six months. Dairy calves under six months of age will be identified before entry into the state and quarantined and tested negative at six month of age before release.

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