

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION

Pre-review information request:

- Station employee roster, VS
- State employee roster
- State map showing sections and responsible VMO's/AHT's
- State highway map
- List of slaughtering establishments (FSIS and State)
- List of FSIS personnel/State meat inspection personnel
- State laws and regulations pertaining to tuberculosis, animal identification, dealer registration and record keeping requirements and brand laws, if applicable.

Team Selection:

- Selected team leader
- Regional tuberculosis epidemiologist for that Area
- Animal Identification Coordinator
- Administrative person

Opening Conference:

- Purpose/expectations
- Assignment of responsibility -- all team members may comment on any area(s)

Major review areas:

I. Review of investigations

- Investigations in progress and investigations completed
 - 6-35 - Report of Suspicious lesions or Thoracic granulomas on Regular Slaughter Inspection.
 - 604A - Report of Investigation for Tuberculosis (source herds)
 - 6-4B - Report of Investigation for Tuberculosis (exposed herds)
 - Adjacent, contact, and area herds
- Infected herd/individual herd plan and progress
- Examine records and interview VMO's and epidemiologists

II. Tuberculosis Surveillance

- Slaughter surveillance
 - Suspicious tuberculosis specimen submissions by establishment
 - ID collection and submission with specimen
 - *6-35 Report*
 - *4-54 Report - Record of blood samples at markets and slaughtering establishments*
 - Reports of VMO and AIC visits at slaughtering establishments
 - Interview team (AIC or VMO) visit one or more establishments (high submitter, low submitter)
 - Interview directors; State Meat Inspection, FSIS
 - Review station policy/awareness/procedures regarding VS-FSIS contacts improving slaughter surveillance

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Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program Review Checklist

- Laboratory
 - Save and record ID devices on 6-35 slaughter lot or entire days' slaughter, and reporting
 - Review in-vitro tests conducted as apply
- Testing
 - Routine tuberculin testing surveillance by accredited veterinarian, and high risk testing by Federal/State VMO's
 - *TIMS 110 Report - lists all testing, including herds with suspects reported and number of suspects report*
 - *Area office efforts toward improving testing and reporting by accredited veterinarians and VMO's*
 - Training
 - *VMO's, State and Federal personnel trained in tuberculosis testing and follow-up procedures, including comparative cervical test*
 - *VMO's participation at national, regional, or area tuberculosis training courses*
 - *Training courses or other information materials offered to accredited veterinarians regarding testing and reporting*
 - *VMO's trained for testing cervidae*
 - *VMO's trained for testing camelids*

III. Animal identification, dealer registration and record keeping requirements

- Subject regulations (according to the Bovine Tuberculosis Uniform Methods and Rules) in place, and compliance
- Identification procedures in place statewide
- Visit one or more livestock auction

IV. Program records and reporting

- Maintenance of updated program memoranda, notices, directives
- Program records and reporting
 - *6-22, 6-22a, 6-35, 6-35a, 6-35b, 6-4A, 6-4B*
 - *VS 6-2, Quarterly Report of Tuberculosis Activities*
 - *VS-6-38, Annual Report of Surveillance for Tuberculosis*
 - *Indemnity and related*
- Computer (TIMS) recording and reporting

V. Other

- Tuberculin storage, ordering, dispensing, reporting
- Reporting forms, equipment, supplies, inventory control
- Pending list - access to program records

VI. General Perceptions

- Quality of investigations, testing and follow-up procedures
- Depth/concern of program leadership and direction
- Cooperative interaction with State Animal Health, Wildlife Resources, Public Health
- Cooperative interactions with FSIS at higher administrative levels
- Industry responsiveness and support
- Cooperative interaction with accredited veterinarians

- Compliance with restricted animal control, herd quarantine, postmortem examinations and tissue handling

Exit Conference:

- Each reviewer reports
- Leader - comprehensive report
- Program weaknesses, program strengths and recommendations

Closing Report:

- Each reviewer prepares written report for team leader
- Team leader prepares the comprehensive report which includes all individual reports as appendices