

**Department of Livestock
Animal Health Division
2017 Biennium Goals and Objectives**

Guiding Principles:

- Prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases
- Safeguarding the health of the State's animals and food production capacity of livestock and poultry
- Prevention of the transmission of animal diseases to man (zoonotic disease)
- Education and reporting duties with private practice Deputy State Veterinarians
- Law enforcement arm interacting with state and federal regulations

Theme:

- Animal disease management and the protection of public health from zoonotic diseases through law enforcement and consumer education

The Animal Health Division Goals:

- Restrict diseased animal's movement into the state.
- Prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases
- Aid in reducing the risks associated with rabies and other zoonotic diseases to humans and animals for the protection of public health
- Maintain veterinary positions to conduct inspection of livestock markets, supervise import activities, disease investigations, quarantine enforcement
- Monitor the health status of alternative livestock animals and control and eradicate any disease of these animals in Montana

The Animal Health Division Objectives:

- Supervise animal import system as provided for in Montana statutes, ensure compliance
- Protect the livestock industry with follow-up of quarantine and testing for disease control
- Educate producers in bio-security and agro-terrorism risk management
- Educate consumers regarding human health risks of zoonotic diseases including rabies
- Regulate importation of alternative livestock using disease testing, monitoring compliance with rules and statutes in cooperation with the Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
- Minimize the risk of, and rapidly detect infections of brucellosis from the bison and elk.

Measurements:

- Provide 24 hours a day 7 days a week customer service for import permits
- Quarantine for disease events immediately upon notification or within 48 hours of laboratory diagnosis. Quarantine illegal imports within one week of entry.
- Cooperate with Dept of Public Health and Human Services in monitoring zoonotic diseases, educating local public health and veterinary officials in required response to positive diagnoses especially for rabies, and assisting in prevention and control measures at the local and state level.

- Increase the number of pets vaccinated for rabies and the percentage of suitable samples submitted for laboratory testing.
- Inspect Livestock Markets and veterinarians regularly for state and federal regulation compliance.
- Enforce compliance of annual herd inventories and mandatory tagging and tattooing of alternative livestock.
- Continue the state and federal partnerships in the Interagency Bison Management Plan to mitigate the risk of brucellosis infected bison transmitting disease to cattle and humans.
- Collaborate with Idaho and Wyoming animal health officials to formulate a regional approach to minimize the risk of brucellosis transmission to livestock from infected wildlife, until eradication can occur.