



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Gary Hamel		Division/Program: Meat and Poultry Inspection			Meeting Date: January 25, 2019		
<u>Agenda Item:</u> General Updates/Report of Training							
Background Info: General updates for Meat and Poultry Inspection including a report to the Board on the contents of the training attended by Dr. Kaleczyc. Report in Lieu of Presentation Attached.							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes	No	
<u>Agenda Item:</u> Request to fill a meat inspector position							
Background Info: A recent resignation in the Missoula/Hamilton area has left a meat inspector vacancy. The bureau would like permission to fill this position.							
Recommendation: Approval							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No X	Board vote required	Yes X	No	
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No	
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No	

Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau

Board Report in Lieu of a Presentation

January 25, 2018

Completion of EIAO School

Dr. Emily Kaleczyc was hired as the Food Safety Officer for the Meat & Poultry Inspection Bureau in July 2018. A requirement of the Food Safety Officer position is that the incumbent attend Enforcement Investigation and Analysis Officer (EIAO) training through the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS).

Dr. Kaleczyc attended EIAO training in College Station, TX from 11/25/18-12/21/18. FSIS organizes the EIAO training course with Texas A&M to prepare students for work as EIAOs in FSIS and state meat inspection programs. The major topics covered in the course include:

- Microbiology of foodborne pathogens
- Factors affecting food preservation and pathogen survival/growth
- Microbial sampling and testing for monitoring food safety
- The statutory and regulatory thought process used in enforcement
- The 7 principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)
- How to evaluate a HACCP system
- EIAO methodology and how to conduct a food safety assessment (FSA)
- Potential outcomes of an FSA and enforcement actions based on FSIS's rules of practice
- Sampling for *Listeria monocytogenes* and analyzing test results
- Recordkeeping and evidence collection for legal case files
- Participation in recalls
- Application of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) to FSIS activities

EIAOs have several roles in a meat inspection program including conducting FSAs, collecting enforcement case files, participating in recalls, and conducting outreach to establishments.

The majority of an EIAO's time is spent on FSAs. An FSA is a comprehensive evaluation of an establishment's food safety system. FSAs include a review of the establishment's HACCP system, record keeping, sanitation, and microbial testing programs. During the FSA the EIAO communicates regularly with establishment managers as well as the regular agency in-plant inspector. The EIAO also reviews the establishment's compliance history as documented in non-compliance reports (NRs), memoranda of interview (MOI) with in-plant inspectors, and previous FSAs or enforcement actions at the establishment. As part of the FSA, the EIAO spends 5-7 days in each establishment reviewing records and observing production. The EIAO will also collect samples for *Listeria monocytogenes* in establishments that produce a ready-to-eat product; sampling is usually conducted the week prior to the main FSA so that lab results are available before the conclusion of the in-plant observations. At the end of an FSA, the EIAO may determine that an establishment is compliant with pertinent regulations, that the establishment has minor violations

warranting issuance of NRs, or that the establishment has major violations requiring the agency to take enforcement action.

In cases where the agency takes enforcement action, EIAOs are involved in collecting evidence to build a legal case file and in managing those files. The EIAO is responsible for ensuring that original copies of correspondence, photographs, and other evidence are managed with an appropriate chain of custody and in a manner that will support their use in a court of law. EIAOs help ensure that establishments are afforded due process and that documentation of due process is maintained.

In the case of a recall, EIAOs may serve on the recall committee and act as the liaison between the recall committee and the establishment. EIAOs may collect information from the establishment and in-plant inspectors regarding the affected product and the establishment's production practices. EIAOs also conduct recall effectiveness checks to ensure that recalled product is removed from commerce.

As an agency subject to SBREFA, FSIS uses EIAOs to meet its advocacy obligation through outreach activities. EIAOs visit very small establishments to share information and offer technical support. EIAOs may also conduct outreach by participating in public or industry meetings and assisting with training courses available to the public or industry members.

Request Permission to Hire

The Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau had a recent resignation of a meat inspector in the Missoula/Hamilton area. We are seeking permission to hire this position.

Applications for Inspection

The bureau has received four applications for inspection during the past month. Two of the applicants come from existing establishments that have changed owners. Two applications are from new entities with one being located in Missoula and the other located in Absarokee. The change of ownership applicants are both located in Butte. The bureau has coverage available for all four establishments.



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Steve Smith	Division/Program: MVDL	Meeting Date: 1/25/19
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Agenda Item: Out of State Travel Request – Milk Laboratory

Background Info:

This request is for travel to the regular workshop for state milk laboratory evaluation officers (LEO's). Participation is required for our current LEO, and for another staff member who is currently training to assume these duties following an upcoming retirement. Dan Turcotte has applied for federal grant money to cover the travel expenses for both employees, and it is expected that the grant amount will be adjusted to meet the actual expense totals. This request was not included with previous travel requests, because the necessary details were not available at the time.

Estimated cost (per employee)(two in attendance):

- Airfare.....\$750
- Lodging.....\$1000
- Per Diem.....\$300
- Ground transportation.....\$80
- Parking.....\$70

Total: \$2200.00

Recommendation:

Approval of the request as detailed, for two employees.

Time needed: N/A – Consent Agenda Item	Attachments:	<u>Yes</u>	No	Board vote required?	<u>Yes</u>	No
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Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required	Yes	No
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Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No
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Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Department of Livestock

1) Division
Animal Health and Food Safety

2) Employees Traveling

Julie Armstrong; Erin Burns

3) Justification

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4) Itinerary

Travel dates: 2/24 - 3/1/2019

5) Submitted By

Requested By
Steve Smith

Title
Interim Laboratory Director

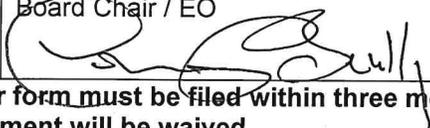
Date
1/15/19

Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel

Date Approved by Board

1/25/19

Board Chair / EO



Date

1/25/19

NOTE: A travel expense voucher form must be filed within three months after incurring the travel expenses, otherwise the right to reimbursement will be waived.



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Dan Turcotte	Division/Program: Milk & Egg Bureau	Meeting Date: 1/25/19		
<u>Agenda Item:</u> Out of State Travel Request				
Background Info: Request for Dan Turcotte to travel to the annual National Conference of Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) Conference, April 26 th – May 1, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. Dan’s participation in this conference gives MT a voice regarding issues facing the Grade “A” Milk Program. Cost Estimate is \$1800				
Recommendation: Approval of the request as detailed, for one employee				
Time needed: N/A – Consent Agenda Item	Attachments: <u>Yes</u>	No	Board vote required? <u>Yes</u>	No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>				
Background Info:				
Recommendation:				
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>				
Background Info:				
Recommendation:				
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>				
Background Info:				
Recommendation:				
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>				
Background Info:				

Department of Livestock	1) Division Milk and Egg Bureau
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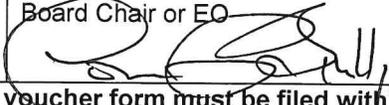
2) Employee(s) Traveling
Dan Turcotte

3) Justification
National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipping being held in St. Louis, MO

4) Itinerary
April 26 to May 2, 2019

5) Cost Estimate
\$1800.00

6) Submitted By	Requested By	Title	Date
	Dan Turcotte	Bureau Chief	1/17/2019

Approval - to be Completed by Agency Authorized Personnel			
Date Approved by Board	Board Chair or EO	Title	Date
1/25/19		Vice Chm	1/25/19
NOTE: A travel expense voucher form must be filed within three months after incurring the travel expenses, otherwise the right to reimbursement will be waived.			

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS**

"To Assure the Safest Possible Milk Supply for all the People"

P.O. Box 108
Monticello, IL 61856

Phone: 217-762-2656
NCIMS.Bordson@gmail.com

December 19, 2018

TO: NCIMS Conference Attendees

FROM: Dr. Stephen Beam, Conference Chair 

SUBJECT: 2019 National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the **37th National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments scheduled for April 26 – May 1, 2019** at the **Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, St. Louis, Missouri**. We are looking forward to a Conference agenda that will provide opportunities to deliberate many important issues facing the Grade "A" Milk Program. We hope you plan to attend and assist in the resolution of proposals submitted for consideration.

The Program Committee is planning an educational symposium that will provide information on topics such as: An update by the Appendix N Modification Study Committee on the Tetracycline Pilot Program; Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and Preventative Controls for Human Food Rule and Appendix T Implementation Update; and Information on FDA's Multi-Year Nutrition Innovation Strategy, including the Agency's progress on non-milk products marketed with names of dairy foods.

We are also pleased to announce that the NCIMS Orientation session for new attendees will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 8:00 AM. This has been planned earlier in the schedule than in previous conferences to provide useful introductory information at a time more helpful to first-time registrants. The session will present an overview of the conference process on how proposals are considered and amended along with explaining the makeup and roles of the Executive Board, State Delegates, Council and Committee members, and FDA Advisors.

Computers with overhead projection will be used in the General Sessions, and the Council and Delegate voting sessions, to assist conferees in the deliberation of individual proposals. Therefore, all proposals must be submitted electronically using **the electronic form posted on the NCIMS web page (www.ncims.org)**. Information will be provided on the website and later in this mailing on how to download and complete the proposal submission form. Additional instructions will be included on the proposal form in the proposed solution section directing how to identify added and deleted text when editing the referenced documents.

Please note that the proposals must be submitted, preferably, by e-mailing the electronic submission form, or on a USB flash drive using the electronic submission form. No handwritten, typed, or faxed proposals will be accepted. **The deadline for the receipt of all proposals, including proposed changes to the Constitution or Bylaws, using the electronic submission form (mailed USB or by e-mail) is February 1, 2019.**

The National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) is a voluntary organization directed and controlled by the member States and open to all persons interested in its objective of promoting the availability of a high quality milk supply. It is governed by an Executive Board whose members include representatives from state departments of health and agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and industry.

Visit us at www.ncims.org.

**37th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERSTATE MILK SHIPMENTS
HYATT REGENCY ST. LOUIS AT THE ARCH
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
APRIL 26 – MAY 1, 2019**

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday, April 26, 2019:

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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration (Open each day of Conference) |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Orientation Session (Introduction to NCIMS) |
| 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Committee Meetings*

Appendix N Modification Study
International Certification Program
Laboratory
Scientific Advisory
SSCC |
| 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Committee Meetings*

Aseptic Program
HACCP Implementation
Hauling Procedures
Laboratory
Scientific Advisory
Technical Engineering Review |

Saturday, April 27, 2019:

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| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Committee Meetings*

Aseptic Program
HACCP Implementation
Laboratory
Liaison
MMSR
Other Species Milk
Technical Engineering Review |
| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Symposium |
| 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Executive Board Meeting |

Sunday, April 28, 2019:

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| 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Third Party Data Base Report |
| 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Committee Meetings*
Constitution & By-Laws
Documents Review |
| 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | General Session |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Conference Chair, Council Chairs/Vice Chairs &
Scribes |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Joint Councils (if needed) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Council I
Council II
Council III |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Reception |

Monday, April 29, 2019:

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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Council I
Council II
Council III |
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Tuesday, April 30, 2019:

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| 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon | Council Report Pickup |
| 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | General Session |

Wednesday, May 1, 2019:

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| 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon | General Session |
| 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Executive Board Meeting |

**Committee Meetings may be shifted or rescheduled prior to the Conference to accommodate scheduling needs and proposal assignments.*



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: George Edwards	Division/Program: Livestock Loss Board	Meeting Date: 1/25/19
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info: Update on Livestock Loss Board		
Recommendation:		
Time needed: 10 Minutes	Attachments: Yes	Board vote required? No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required: Yes No

2018 Claims BoL January Meeting

Montana LLB
 PO Box 202005
 Helena MT 59620
www.llb.mt.gov

George Edwards
 Executive Director
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gedwards@mt.gov

Counties	Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Guard	Horse	Llama	Totals	Payments
Beaverhead	16	10		2			28	\$23,568.20
Carbon	21						21	\$20,984.54
Cascade	1	7	3				11	\$3,379.27
Daniels					1		1	\$1,500.00
Flathead	2	1	2				5	\$2,578.52
Gallatin			2				2	\$444.68
Glacier	11						11	\$11,536.35
Granite		1			1		2	\$15,136.45
Lake	7					5	12	\$15,085.15
L&C	11	21	7				39	\$17,890.01
Lincoln	1	1					2	\$1,487.80
Madison	38	1					39	\$52,058.22
Missoula		5	1				6	\$1,342.17
Park	5						5	\$4,884.37
Pondera	3						3	\$3,289.30
Powell	12	32					44	\$18,262.32
Ravalli	1	8					9	\$2,868.27
Sanders	1		1				2	\$1,061.30
Stillwater	2	1					3	\$2,068.88
Sweet Gras	5						5	\$5,046.70
Teton	9	26					35	\$19,562.45
Wheatland	1						1	\$883.19
Totals	147	114	16	2	2	5	286	\$224,918.14
						2017	219	\$209,744.89

Wolves

Confirmed	48	14		2		
Probable	13	6				
Value	\$71,377.62	\$7,685.38		\$2,060.00		
Owners	33	4		1		

2017/2018
 Increase 17 head

Grizzly Bears

Confirmed	66	23				5
Probable	20	6				
Value	\$90,419.58	\$11,991.76				\$8,000
Owners	33	5				1

2017/2018
 Increase 7 head

Mtn Lion

Confirmed		52	15		2	
Probable		13	1			
Value		\$14,315.25	\$2,538.59		\$16,500	
Owners		15	7		2	

2017/2018
 Increase 42 head



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Chad Lee		Division/Program: Milk Control Bureau			Meeting Date: 1/25/2019		
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info: General updates regarding the Board of Milk Control and Bureau activity.							
Recommendation:							
Time needed: 10 minutes	Attachments:	Yes	No X	Board vote required?	Yes	No X	
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required	Yes	No	
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No	
<u>Agenda Item:</u>							
Background Info:							
Recommendation:							
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No	



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Evan Waters		Division/Program: Centralized Services			Meeting Date: 01/25/2019		
<u>Agenda Item:</u> January 2019 through June 2019 Expenditure Projections							
Background Info: Report expenditure projections by division and/or bureau and attached boards.							
Recommendation: n/a							
Time needed: 15 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes	No X	
<u>Agenda Item:</u> December 31, 2018 Budget Status report							
Background Info: Report expenditure to budget comparison report by division and/or bureau and attached boards. This report also compares current year expenditures to prior year expenditures.							
Recommendation: n/a							
Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required	Yes	No X	
<u>Agenda Item:</u> December 31, 2018 State Special Revenue report							
Background Info: Report on state special revenues as of December 31, 2018							
Recommendation: n/a							
Time needed: 10 Min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No X	
<u>Agenda Item:</u> December 31, 2018 State Special Revenue Cash Balance report							
Background Info: Report on cash balances of major state special revenue funds as of December 31, 2018							
Recommendation: n/a							
Time needed: 5 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No X	
<u>Agenda Item:</u> Aerial hunting license renewal							
Background Info: Basic information on aerial hunting. Number of pilots, number of predators taken, areas covered by pilots in 2018.							
Recommendation:							
Time needed: 10 min	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No X	



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Leslie Doely	Division/Program: Brands Enforcement Division	Meeting Date: 1/25/2019
<u>Agenda Item:</u> Request to Hire Administrative Support/Supervisor		
Background Info: This request was made in June 2018, and the Board requested that it be revisited after January 1. Request to return the existing Administrative Specialist position to a supervisor of Helena compliance technician staff, handling personnel management and day-to-day policy and procedural issues in addition to administrative specialist duties. Position has been vacant since December 2017.		
Recommendation:		
Time needed: 20 minutes	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required? Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u> Request to Hire Cattle Compliance Technician		
Background Info: One of two cattle compliance technician positions in the Helena office retired on January 5, 2019.		
Recommendation:		
Time needed: 15 minutes	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments: Yes No	Board vote required: Yes No



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Dan Turcotte /Bureau Chief, Milk and Egg Bureau	Division/Program: Animal Health/ Milk and Egg Bureau	Meeting Date: January 25, 2019
<u>Agenda Item:</u> ARM 32.8.205 Change		
Requesting Board approval for the final wording of ARM 32.8.205 before submission to the Secretary of State's Office.		
Recommendation: Approve		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes No Board vote required? Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes No Board vote required? Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes No Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation: Approve		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes No Board vote required: Yes No
<u>Agenda Item:</u>		
Background Info:		
Recommendation:		
Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes No Board vote required: Yes No

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the proposed) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
amendment of ARM 32.8.205) PROPOSED AMENDMENT

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On XXX, 2019, at XXX a.m., the Department of Livestock (department) will hold a public hearing in the conference room of xxx, which is located at xxx at Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rule.

2 The Department of Livestock will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Department of Livestock no later than 5:00 p.m. on xxx 2019, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact the Department of Livestock, 301 N. Roberts St., Room 308, P.O. Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620-2001; telephone: (406) 444-9321; TTD number: 1 (800) 253-4091; fax: (406) 444-1929; e-mail: MDOLcomments@mt.gov.

3. The rule as proposed to be amendment provides as follows, new matter underlined, deleted matter interlined:

32.8.205 MANNER, POSITIONING, AND SIZE OF LABELING

(1) Labels required by ARM 32.8.203 must be of a color clearly contrasting with the area immediately surrounding the label. The labels may be put on by printing, stamping, or burning, a combination of any of those methods, or by some other method specifically approved in writing by the department.

(2) Labels placed on "pure paks" or similar containers must be located on the top sealing fin. Labels on molded plastic jugs may be placed anywhere on the upper half of the container (or on the printed product label) except the lid. Labels for containers must be at least 1/8 inch in height.

(3) All characters in the labels required by ARM 32.8.203 must be at least 1/8 inch in height.

(4) The "Sell-By" date shall be located above any other date code label on molded plastic jugs. Labels on "pure paks" or similar containers must have the "Sell-By" date label to the left side or above of any other date code label.

(5) No date code label shall be printed in a font size larger than the font of the label of the "Sell-By" date.

AUTH: ~~Sec.~~ 81-2-102, MCA

IMP: ~~Sec.~~ 81-2-102, MCA

REASON: Because of the wording on a recent court ruling allowing other codes dates, this change clarifies placement of the "sell by" date.

MAR Notice No. 32-19-295

4. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to the Executive Officer, Department of Livestock, 301 N. Roberts St., Room 308, P.O. Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620-2001, by faxing to (406) 444-1929, or by e-mailing to MDOLcomments@mt.gov to be received no later than 5:00 p.m., XXX, 2019.

5. Dan Turcotte, Department of Livestock, has been designated to preside over and conduct this hearing.

6. The department maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies for which program the person wishes to receive notices. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the contact person in 4 above or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the department.

7. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

8. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the adoption of the above-referenced rules [will significantly and directly impact small businesses.] [will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.]

/s/ Cinda Young-Eichenfels

Cinda Young-Eichenfels
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Michael S. Honeycutt

Michael S. Honeycutt
Executive Officer
Board of Livestock
Department of Livestock

Certified to the Secretary of State XXX, 2019.



Board of Livestock Meeting

Agenda Request Form

From: Dr. Marty Zaluski	Division/Program: Animal Health & Food Safety Division	Meeting Date: January 25, 2019
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Agenda Item: Agenda Report

Background Info:
Tuberculosis
Brucellosis
Emergency Preparedness
Federal Shutdown

Recommendation:

Time needed: 30 minutes	Attachments:	Yes X	No	Board vote required?	Yes	No
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Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation: Approval

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No X	Board vote required	Yes X	No
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Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No
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Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No
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Agenda Item:

Background Info:

Recommendation:

Time needed:	Attachments:	Yes	No	Board vote required:	Yes	No
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Animal Health Bureau

Written Report for the Board of Livestock, January 25, 2019

Tuberculosis:

The Animal Health Bureau has been working on an epidemiological investigation following the detection of bovine tuberculosis in a black steer finished in a South Dakota feedlot. There was no official identification collected from the animal at the time of slaughter. However, the records from the feedlot as well as records from livestock market transactions allowed the identification of 99 potential source herds for the pen that the bovine tuberculosis positive animal resided in while at the feedlot. Montana was the source of 18 of these herds.

Of Montana's 18 herds:

- 14 have completed testing of either all test eligible females or all test eligible animals on the premises. (A small group of producers will be testing their bull batteries at a time more convenient to management schedule).
- 2 have been evaluated and determined to require no additional testing (one sold only red hided animals and one was an assembled group with no remaining population to test)
- 1 herd has been approved to conduct testing in early fall of 2019 based upon risk assessment, herd management schedule, and discussion with the local attending veterinarian.
- 1 herd was originally assigned to Wyoming as part of the investigation but has recently been determined to be located within Montana. AHB is working to contact this herd to conduct a risk assessment and make testing arrangements.

To date MDOL has tested 2700+ head for bovine tuberculosis as a part of this investigation, with 28 caudal fold suspects identified. One of the caudal fold suspects was also a suspect on the comparative cervical test. This animal was indemnified by USDA and hauled to the diagnostic lab for euthanasia and post-mortem evaluation. No gross lesions were identified in this animal and tissues submitted to NVSL were negative on histopathology. Culture results are still pending. The herd has however been released from quarantine based upon the epidemiological interview, whole herd test results, negative gross exam, and negative histopathology.

Brucellosis:

Two suspect animals were discovered in a Beaverhead County herd in late October (October 22) following a voluntary herd test

- October 22 – Beaverhead County herd placed under quarantine.
- November 2 – Two suspect animals slaughtered, and tissues collected for culture at NVSL.
- November 29 - NVSL reported that one animal cultured positive.
- November 29- DOL initiated epidemiological investigation associated with an affected herd.
- November 29 - Three adjacent herds were contacted and required to test all sexually intact animals 6 months of age and older.
- December 5 – First quarantine herd test performed.
 - Two additional suspects found.
- December 8 - NVSL reported that the culture from the October test was vaccine strain RB51 and not field strain *Brucella*.
 - Due to the delay in finding out that this was not a field strain culture, another herd test was performed.
- December 18 – The two suspects from the Dec 5 herd test were taken to MVDL and tissues submitted to NVSL. Quarantine was maintained because official tests (culture) were pending.
- January 15 – NVSL reported growth of strain RB51 only. Not field strain.
- January 16 – Quarantine was released, and adjacent herds informed.

Emergency Preparedness:

The State of Montana uses an alert notification system called Notification Manager. Limited personnel within each department have access to the system. The departments can choose who they would like to be able to contact in the event of an emergency. The DOL has 2 contact lists: deputy state veterinarians and brands enforcement personnel. In December, Notification Manager was used to send a message alerting Montana deputy state veterinarian about the phone line issues associated with the nationwide Century Link outages. It is important that veterinarians within the state be able to contact the DOL office at any time, especially in the event of an animal health emergency. All Montana deputy state veterinarians received the message in one or multiple formats depending on the contact information we have for them in our system. Notification formats included voicemail, text and/or email.

In the days following the alert, the DOL was contacted by some veterinarians needing to update their contact information. We are working on contacting veterinarians individually, to verify we have their current cell phone numbers and email address. This will better assure veterinarians are notified timely in the future.

Federal Shutdown:

During the federal shutdown, the AHB has been receiving an increasing number of calls associated with the federal shutdown. Effects of the shutdown include:

- Veterinarians seeking to renew their federal accreditation are unable to do so during the shutdown.
- The January Deputy State Veterinarian/Federal Accreditation session was cancelled due to no available federal personnel to conduct the training.
- Veterinarians with dwindling supplies of brucellosis vaccination and silver metal NUES tags for the performance of official disease work. This includes bangs vaccination of heifers and identification of animals at livestock markets for out of state movement. It was announced on January 15 that the federal warehouse would reopen to process tag requests. AHB relayed this information to Montana veterinarians who may need to order tags.
- Lack of availability of federal staff to conduct TB testing for caudal fold suspects which resulted in AHB veterinarian making two trips to Billings for testing that is typically covered by a USDA veterinarian living in the area.
- AHB worked with a Montana livestock producer that had a bull and 4 heifers tested to go to the Western Stock Show in Denver. The bull was a suspect on the tuberculosis caudal fold test. The local veterinarian left multiple messages with USDA APHIS VS that are not being checked due to the government shutdown and single message on an MDOL cell number that was missed. The ten-day window that the animal was eligible to be injected in elapsed without the comparative cervical test being initiated. This ten-day window is due to changes in the animal's immune system that invalidate test results beyond 10 days post caudal fold test. The animal and all other susceptible species were therefore placed under quarantine pending retest of the animal in 60 days. Montana has since sent information to all Montana veterinarians with best numbers to call in case of an animal health emergency or other pressing matter.
- Delayed laboratory results from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory which resulted in a delay in release of quarantines for the TB and brucellosis herds by approximately a week.
- Delay in receiving federal guidance for cooperative agreements for upcoming grant cycle. This guidance is required for AHB to submit workplans (typically due in middle of February) to request funds of approximately \$1,035,000. A portion of brucellosis testing, 2 bison positions, 1 veterinarian position and a part time traceability position are funded by this cooperative agreement.