

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY
CHAPTER 15. ANIMAL INDUSTRY

SUBCHAPTER 45. BRUCELLOSIS IN CERVIDAE

Part 13. CERTIFIED BRUCELLOSIS-FREE CERVID HERDS

35:15-45-131. Qualifying methods

(a) Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd status ~~must~~shall include all test-eligible animals in the herd. A certified herd may be purchased, or a herd may qualify for Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd status by complete herd testing.

(b) For initial certification, all sexually intact test-eligible cervids in the herd ~~must~~shall have ~~three~~two consecutive negative tests for brucellosis not less than ~~9~~nine (9) nor more than ~~15~~fifteen (15) months apart.

(c) A herd test is not required if the purchased animals remain on the same premises. Upon request and with proof of purchase, a new certificate ~~will~~may be issued in the new owner's name. The anniversary date and the herd number ~~will~~ remain the same.

(d) If part or all of the purchased herd is moved directly to premises that have no other animals, the herd may retain Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd status without a test. The anniversary date of the new herd ~~will be~~is the test date of the most recent complete herd test.

35:15-45-132. Conditions

(a) A herd is certified for ~~24~~thirty-six (36) months.

(b) For continuous certification, all test-eligible animals in the herd ~~must~~shall have a negative test for brucellosis between ~~21~~thirty-three (33) and ~~27~~thirty-nine (39) months after the last certification date. If suspects or reactors are found on recertification testing, certification status ~~will~~shall be terminated and a herd investigation ~~will be~~ initiated.

(c) ~~Animals~~Test-eligible animals originating in a Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd and moving into a Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd ~~do not need to be tested prior to movement. However, if the animals are not tested prior to movement, the test-eligible animals will~~ shall be tested between ~~60~~sixty (60) and ~~180~~one hundred eighty (180) days after addition to the certified herd.

(d) Animals purchased from cervid herds not Certified Brucellosis-Free ~~cannot~~shall not be considered part of the certified herd until three (3) blood tests have been conducted. The first test shall occur within ~~30~~thirty (30) days prior to movement from the herd ~~or of~~ origin, the second test between ~~60~~sixty (60) and ~~180~~one hundred eighty (180) days after addition to the Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd, and the third test as a part of the next complete herd blood test for recertification following the second test.

(e) If a herd consists of both cattle and Cervidae, the requirements for herd certification ~~must~~shall be consistent with those for cattle as described in 35:15-17-64 through 35:15-17-66.

(f) The State animal health official and the APHIS AVIC ~~will~~may issue a Certified Brucellosis-Free cervid herd certificate when the herd first qualifies. For recertification, the State animal health official ~~will~~may issue a renewal form, ~~which must also be~~ approved by the APHIS AVIC.