

Assembly Bill 498

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CHAPTER 169, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to amend 95.26 (1), (2) and (5) of the statutes, relating to the brucellosis control program.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

95.26 (1), (2) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

95.26 (1) In order to detect and control bovine Brucellosis the department shall conduct milk and cream tests and blood tests as provided in this section. Milk and cream shall be tested by the ~~Abortus Brucella~~ *Brucellosis* ring test, hereafter referred to as the ~~A.B.R.~~ *B.R.T.* test. Blood shall be tested by blood serum agglutination or other test methods approved by the department, hereafter referred to as *the Brucellosis test*.

(2) All milk and cream received at every dairy plant shall be tested at not more than 6-month intervals by the ~~A.B.R.~~ *B.R.T.* test, and brucellosis tests shall be applied promptly to cattle when the milk or cream therefrom discloses a positive reaction to the ~~A.B.R.~~ *B.R.T.* test. ~~Brucellosis tests, approximately every 12 months, shall be applied to cattle which are not tested by means of A.B.R. tests. The department may limit the testing of such cattle to representative numbers in herds or areas or when other indications of possible infection are disclosed.~~ All cattle, except steers and spayed heifers, shall be subject to the brucellosis test, but official vaccinates under 30 months of age and calves below the ~~maximum age prescribed by the department for official vaccination not older than the maximum age prescribed by rules of the department~~ need not be tested except when deemed necessary by the department or the attending veterinarian. Brucellosis tests and official vaccination provided for in this section shall be performed by a veterinarian approved by the department. When brucellosis tests are not conducted by any such veterinarian within 15 days of the date notice to test is mailed to the cattle owner, the department shall conduct such tests. Except where compensated by the federal government, approved veterinarians performing testing and vaccination under this section shall be paid by the state at uniform rates established by the department. Blood samples drawn ~~from~~ for the brucellosis test shall be submitted to the department promptly for laboratory examination.

(5) When reactors to any brucellosis test are disclosed in a herd of cattle the department shall quarantine the entire herd, with the exception of steers and spayed heifers, by serving written notice thereof, either personally or by mail, on the owner or person in charge, but such quarantine shall not be imposed if the department, upon the basis of the clinical history of the herd with respect to brucellosis and the recommendation of the attending veterinarian, determines it is improbable that the cattle will contract brucellosis. No cattle subject to the quarantine shall be removed from the premises where the cattle are quarantined, except upon written permit of the department. ~~The quarantine shall remain in force until the remaining cattle have been retested with the brucellosis test not sooner than 30 days following the removal of all reactors and such retest discloses no additional reactors or other evidence of infection as determined by the department. The quarantine shall remain in full force until removed by the department.~~ Such retests shall be conducted as the department finds necessary to eliminate all reactors or other evidence of infection in the herd.

Approved November 4, 1967.