

CHAPTER 303

AN ACT to repeal 95.35; and to amend 95.26 (2) and (7) and 95.41 (2) of the statutes, relating to Brucellosis tests, indemnity payments and ear-tag identification of cattle.

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

SECTION 1. 95.26 (2) and (7) of the statutes are amended to read:

95.26 (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. 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. 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.* All cattle, except steers, spayed heifers, calves * * * under 8 months of age and official vaccinates under 30 months of age, shall be subject to the Brucellosis test. Brucellosis tests and official vaccination provided for in this section may be performed by any veterinarian approved by the department and selected by the cattle owner. When Brucellosis tests are not conducted by any such veterinarian within 15 days of the date notice to test is mailed to such 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 for the Brucellosis test shall be submitted to the department promptly for laboratory examination.

(7) For each animal condemned and slaughtered, unless otherwise provided by law, the owner shall receive and, upon certificate of the department, the state shall pay one-third of the difference between the net salvage and the appraised or agreed value of the animal, but such payment shall not exceed \$50 for a registered animal and \$25 for an unregistered one. *If no federal indemnity is paid, the state shall pay two-thirds of the difference between the net salvage and the appraised or agreed value of the animal, but not to exceed \$100 for a registered animal and \$50 for an unregistered one.* With the consent of the owner the department may condemn, in infected herds, animals which have been exposed and which are suspected of being infected, although such animals have not reacted to the Brucellosis tests.

SECTION 2. 95.35 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 95.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

95.41 (2) The department shall provide ear tags to be used for identifying cattle tested for purposes of disease control, and shall distribute the same to persons authorized by the department to * * * identify cattle. Such distribution shall be made at a price sufficient to cover the cost of the tags and their distribution.

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