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DATE: November 21, 2007
TO: Phyllis Mellon, Deputy Director
FROM: Steven Halstead, State Veterinarian
SUBJECT: Weekly bovine TB Update

Depopulated cervid herd indemnity

Governor Granholm signed the supplemental bill authorizing the funding to complete the indemnification of the bovine TB infected Cervid herd that was in Montmorency County. This herd was depopulated in December and January of last winter. The value of the animals exceeded the limit for which MDA can indemnify, requiring legislative action to provide the dollars.

Communication

The MDA bovine TB eradication program document titled, *USDA requirements based on the Memorandum of Understanding and the 2006 and 2007 USDA Program Reviews*, is available to the public. It is also on the front page of the Emerging Diseases website under "spotlight" and under the bovine TB/livestock link. Individuals interested in receiving a hard copy may contact Matthew Ankney at 517-335-9970.

Bovine TB infected herd status

We have received laboratory testing results that indicate one 80-head beef herd in Montmorency County and one 70-head pure bred beef herd in Oscoda County may have TB. We are anticipating confirmatory testing at the Federal laboratory to be completed the week of November 26. Initial investigations have begun. These are in addition to the one beef herd in Alcona County that was diagnosed in October. That herd is currently in the USDA appraisal process prior to depopulation.