

Interoffice Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Weekly Update – TB Program Review Response

DATE: August 17, 2007

Zoning Order Changes

A revised zoning order went into effect August 15, 2007 implementing changes needed to fulfill Federal disease control requirements. Dr. Michael Vanderklok provided the following summary of the changes:

- No certificates are now needed to move cattle or bison within or from the Upper Peninsula.
- Anyone moving cattle or bison from the Modified Accredited Zone (MAZ) or Modified Accredited Advanced Zone (MAAZ) to another zone must obtain a permit prior to movement and have a copy in hand during the movement.
- All livestock transportation vehicles must stop for inspection at the Mackinac Bridge checkpoint whether loaded or empty.
- Terminal operations and feedlots in the MAZ will be added to the annual whole herd testing surveillance program.

A document with frequently asked questions and answers related to movement certificates has been developed and is being distributed to MSU extension, industry associations, and producers in cattle markets.

Wildlife Risk Mitigation (WRM) Herd Plans

The United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services has verified that they feel all cattle, bison and captive cervid herds in the MAZ need to have WRM herd plans. The MDA is required to document that, by October 2008, all MAZ producers have been contacted and educated regarding the possible consequences of failure to have a herd plan. Michigan's Wildlife Risk Mitigation Work Group is pulling together a packet of informational resources to help MAZ producers develop herd plans.

Communications Updates

- The Petoskey news review is writing an article about the program changes in the MAZ
- The zoning order and a Q & A sheet regarding movement certificates will be passed out at the U.P. livestock checkpoint north of the Mackinac Bridge (see attached).
- Staff will be traveling in the MAZ for various meetings next week.
- MSU Extension will include the zoning order changes in their statewide weekly update.