Overview

• TB Positive Herds Update

• Special Surveillance Areas & Testing Plans

• USDA Discussions

• Herd and Hunter Meetings
TB Positive Herds Update
Bovine TB Case Update

• Herd #73 (October 2018)
  Alcona County beef herd
  Routine annual whole herd test (WHT) in MAZ
  Implementing wildlife biosecurity measures, will conduct final test after completion

• Herd # 74 (April 25, 2019)
  Alpena County beef herd
  Routine annual WHT in MAZ
  Implementing wildlife biosecurity measures, will be eligible for final test in February 2020
Bovine TB Case Update

• Herd #75 (April 29, 2019)
  Presque Isle County beef herd
  First herd in this county since 2000
  Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS): similar to deer strain found in PI County in 2014/2015

• Herd #76 (May 14, 2019)
  Emmet County beef herd
  Trace from herd #75
  First herd in this county since 2010
  WGS: identical to herd #75, reinforcing the evidence that this animal was purchased when infection was unknown
Special Surveillance Areas and Testing Plans
Circle Testing

• Public Act 466 requires circle testing to be completed within six months of a designation

• Circles designated on July 29, 2019; to be completed by January 29, 2020
Special Surveillance Area in Presque Isle & Cheboygan Counties
Special Surveillance Area in Emmet County
Discussion Timeline

- May 30: Initial call held
- June 14: First written proposal sent
- June 24: Conference call with USDA
- July 2: Revised proposal sent
- July 24: Notified we would get a letter proposing to downgrade entire state
- August 8: Department Leadership call and letter from USDA requesting for a proposal that adds PI to MAZ
- September 9: Amended proposal sent
Proposal Highlights

• **Now - January 31, 2020**
  - Complete circles and triennial test in PI
  - Revise zoning order to require annual WHT and movement permits in PI

• **Feb 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020**
  - Complete WHT for rest of herds in PI
  - Hire personnel to be able to support activity in PI
  - Update to newest version of USA Herds and move to automated permit process

• **January 1, 2021**
  - Begin annual testing in PI County
    (secondary tags in place, if not already done)
Herd and Hunter Meetings
Quarterly Herd and Hunter Meetings

Previously, all public meetings...

• Were generally held after positive herds/deer were announced or prior to zoning order changes

• Did not always have all agencies present to answer questions, which led to frustration

• Didn’t create a continuous dialogue around TB with producers, hunters, and community members
Quarterly Herd and Hunter Meetings

• Facilitated meetings held jointly with DNR, in partnership with USDA Wildlife Services and MSU Extension

• Create discussion and engagement around bovine TB topics between hunters and cattle owners

• Upcoming meetings in Gaylord (Sept. 17) and West Branch (Sept. 18)