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## ORDER FOR BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING IN BENZIE AND MANISTEE COUNTIES

### BACKGROUND

The Animal Industry Act, Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended, 287.703b Section 3b. (1) permits the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) to implement orders for testing animals for reportable diseases.

### BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AREA

Based on the detection of bovine tuberculosis in a wild white-tailed deer in Benzie County, I hereby order, effective May 16, 2024, all cattle and bison within the following area to receive a whole herd test for bovine tuberculosis:

- **Benzie County:**
  - Benzonia Township, 25-26N/14-15W, all sections.
  - Blaine Township, 25N/15-16W, all sections.
  - Colfax Township, 25N13W, sections 6-7, 18-19, and 30-31.
  - Crystal Lake Township, 26N/15-16W, all sections.
  - Frankfort Township, 26N16W, all sections.
  - Gilmore Township, 25-26N/15-16W, all sections.
  - Homestead Township, 26N14W, sections 2-36.
  - Inland Township, 26N13W, sections 19, 30, and 31.
  - Joyfield Township, 25N15W, all sections.
  - Lake Township, East Part, 27N15W, sections 25-28, and 33-36.
  - Lake Township, West Part, 26-27N/16-15W, all sections.
  - Platte Township, 27N14W, sections 28-33.
  - Weldon Township, 25N14W, all sections.
  
- **Manistee County:**
  - Arcadia Township, 24N16W, all sections.
  - Bear Lake Township, 23N15W, sections 1-10.
  - Cleon Township, 24N13W, sections 6-7.
  - Maple Grove Township, 23N14W, section 6.
  - Onekama Township, 23N16W, sections 1-3.
  - Pleasanton Township, 24N15W, all sections.
  - Springdale Township, 24N14W, sections 1-23, and 27-33.

All cattle and bison herds located within this area shall be whole herd bovine tuberculosis tested by December 31, 2024. Any livestock owners who have not gotten this testing completed for their herd by December 31, 2024, would not be eligible to move cattle from the premises until a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test is completed, or other permission is granted by the Director. This testing shall be scheduled and conducted by MDARD or its agents. In general, failure to comply with quarantines and other violations of the Animal Industry Act may subject livestock owners to penalties.

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