

2024 Public Notice

Proposed Order for Bovine Tuberculosis Testing Area in Benzie and Manistee Counties

Based on the detection of bovine tuberculosis (TB) in a wild white-tailed deer from Benzie County, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is proposing testing for bovine TB in all cattle and bison herds located within specific portions of Benzie and Manistee counties.

A copy of the proposed order is provided below. The order would apply to people who own cattle or bison herds. Creating this order would require all cattle and bison herds located within the specific portions of Benzie and Manistee counties listed in the order to be tested for bovine TB by December 31, 2024.

On **April 25, 2024**, from **4:00 to 6:00 P.M.**, the public hearing will be held to explain the order, answer questions, and accept comments. This hearing can be joined in-person or virtually using the information below:

In Person

Crystal Mountain
12500 Crystal Mountain Drive
Thompsonville, MI 49683
Hudson Bay Room, Second Floor

Online

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/
WN_zRIYZdmeQsWIdqLnfXItEA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zRIYZdmeQsWIdqLnfXItEA)

Please register at least 10 minutes before the hearing.
Once registered, the link to the hearing will be
emailed to you.

Also, the proposed order will be submitted to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development for review during their meeting on May 15, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. Public comments can also be provided at this meeting. If approved by the Commission, the new order is proposed to go into effect on May 16, 2024, upon final approval by the MDARD director.

Public comments regarding the proposed order must be **received** by **5:00 P.M.** on **Friday, May 10, 2024**.

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PROPOSED 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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