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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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DIRECTOR

**PROPOSED ORDER EXPANDING
BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING
IN ARENAC, IOSCO, AND OGEMAW COUNTIES**

BACKGROUND

The Animal Industry Act, Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended, 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.

This proposed order [expands on an Aug. 1, 2026, order](#) that set testing requirements for certain township sections within Arenac, Iosco and Ogemaw counties.

POTENTIAL BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AREA

Based on the diagnosis of bovine tuberculosis in two cattle herds from Iosco County, I hereby order, effective December 1, 2026, all cattle and bison herds within the following area to receive a whole herd test for bovine tuberculosis:

- **Arenac County:**
 - Arenac Township, T19N R5E, sections 1-2
 - Au Gres Township, T19N R06E, section 6
 - Clayton Township, T20N R4E, sections 4, 9-10, 14-15, and 23-25
 - Mason Township, T20N R5E, sections 30-34
 - Turner Township, T20N R6E, sections 25, 33-34
- **Iosco County:**
 - Alabaster Township, T21N R7E, section 1
 - Au Sable Township, T23N R9E, all sections
 - Baldwin Township, T21N R8E, sections 3-4; T22N R7E, sections 1-3; T22N R8E, all sections; T22N R9E, all sections
 - Oscoda Township, T24N R6E, sections 13, 24-26, and 35-36; T24N R7E, sections 1-5 and 7-36; T24N R8E, all sections; T24N R9E, sections 5-9 and 15-34
 - Plainfield Township, T23N R6E, sections 1-3, 10-15, and 23-25
 - Tawas Township, T21N R7E, sections 2-3; T22N R7E, sections 4-5, 8-16, 21-28, and 33-36
 - Wilber Township, T23N R7E, all sections; T23N R8E, all sections
- **Ogemaw County:**
 - Churchill Township, T22N R3E, sections 24-25 and 36
 - Logan Township, T22N R4E, section 7
 - Mills Township, T21N R3E, sections 1, 12-13, 24-25, and 36
 - Richland Township, T21N R4E, section 31

All cattle and bison herds located within this area shall receive a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test by July 31, 2027, or have a written herd plan with a targeted whole herd bovine tuberculosis

testing date. Any herd that has not completed a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test by July 31, 2027, would not be eligible to move any cattle or bison from the premises until a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test is completed, unless other permission is granted by the Director. This testing shall be scheduled and conducted by MDARD or its agents.

Signature

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Date: _____