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Wyoming Livestock Board  
State Agency 051  
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To Whom It May Concern,

The following are comments from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) pertaining to the proposed changes to Wyoming Livestock Board's (Board) Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis Rules (Rules).

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As these proposed rule changes affect our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, it is important you continue to inform us of the success or failure of these proposed rule changes and continue to provide us opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA has long recognized a need for change in the Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis Rules. Past changes and reviews of the Rules have not adequately addressed issues facing Wyoming's cattle producers. We realize Wyoming cattle producers are at risk until a testing program is developed that easily and accurately identifies Trichomoniasis in both male and female bovine.

The WDA supports the proposed changes to the Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis Rules and offers the following comments:

**Section 3 Definitions used in Rules:**

WDA supports all additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 4 Penalty for a Violation of Rules:**

WDA has no recommended changes.

**Section 5 Duty to Report Trichomoniasis to State Veterinarian:**

WDA agrees with all additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 6 Veterinarians to be Certified in the Collection Techniques and Diagnosis of Trichomoniasis:**

WDA agrees with all additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 7 Trichomoniasis Testing Requirements:**

WDA agrees with all additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 8 Test Eligible Bovine Sold Through an Approved Livestock Market:**

WDA agrees with all additions and deletions to this section.

WDA agrees there is no need for old Sections 9, 10, and 11, and with the re-numbering of Section 12 as Section 9.

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**Section 9 Common Grazing Trichomoniasis Requirements:**

WDA agrees with all additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 10 Trichomoniasis Test Requirements for Exposed Bulls:**

WDA agrees with the addition of this new section.

**Section 11 Bovine that Breach a Fence and Commingle:**

WDA agrees with the changes to this section.

**Section 12 Trichomoniasis Infected Herd Units:**

WDA agrees with additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 13 Female Bovine Subject to Quarantine:**

WDA agrees with additions and deletions to this section. However, we suggest the Board review the issue of non-virgin open cows purchased at sale barns located outside of Wyoming, specifically non-virgin open cows not going directly to slaughter, but being returned to pasture in Wyoming.

**Section 14 Movement of Bovine Held Pursuant to Quarantine:**

WDA agrees with changes to this section.

**Sections 15 Release of Quarantine:**

WDA agrees with additions and deletions to this section.

**Section 16 Bovine used for Recreational and Exhibition Purposes:**

WDA agrees with additions and deletions to this section.

In conclusion we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Chapter 15 Trichomoniasis Rule changes. We encourage continued attentions to our concerns and look forward to hearing and being involved in future proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,



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