

Alberta TB Case Update – March 3, 2017

- Roughly 54 premises in Alberta and Saskatchewan are currently under quarantine. This represents approximately 11,000 animals.
- To date, there are still only six confirmed cases of bovine TB (including the original cow found in the U.S.).
 - All six confirmed cases are the same strain of bovine TB.
- Nineteen sites have been released from quarantine, these were sites containing low risk trace-out feedlot cattle, as well as low risk fence-line contact herds.
- Enhanced post mortems from currently identified trace-out herds should be completed by the end of next week.
- We do expect to see a few more trace-out herds identified, quarantined and tested over the next few weeks.
- Due to upcoming calving season, it is expected that the bulk of trace-in testing will occur in the fall of 2017. Trace-in cattle are the lowest risk category, as they are presumed to have the same TB status as the rest of the Canadian herd.
- To date, culture results on 58 samples from three presumed infected herds have been negative.
- There are no restrictions on the movement or sale of animals from herds on early release from quarantine including shipping to feedlots or immediate slaughter.

- Further information is available at www.albertabeef.org or <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/reportable/tuberculosis/investigation-se-alberta-and-sw-saskatchewan/eng/1477438380160/1477438380659>