



Update on destruction scheduling and supplemental testing options

The CFIA has completed its calls to quarantined producers to gather information on destruction scheduling and interest in supplemental testing.

Almost all of the producers contacted indicated a preference for destruction as soon as possible rather than any further testing. The CFIA is working to accommodate this preference as quickly as possible.

Progress on removal of reactors

On January 24, 2017 approximately 250 animals from 13 herds were humanely destroyed by slaughter at a federally registered establishment. Processing of compensation under the *Health of Animals Act* is underway.

Low risk contact herds whose reactor animals do not exhibit lesions consistent with *bovine TB* at the time of slaughter will now go through an epidemiological case review and where applicable, the paperwork for release of quarantine will be issued.

Reactors from trace-out herds require an in-depth post mortem and as a result the destruction process is more complex and requires more time for each animal. The CFIA is able to complete approximately 80 post-mortems a week and continues to make progress on the removal and destruction of trace-out reactors.

Clarification on supplemental testing

While reviewing preferences for the removal or supplemental testing with producers, incorrect information about supplemental testing for trace-out herds was identified. A revised version of the supplemental testing information follows below.

Contact herds

As of January 15, 2017 contact herds are being tested with the caudal fold skin test only and reactors may be retested with either:

- a comparative cervical test (CCT) which allows the field testers to determine if the animal has reacted to potential avian TB or bovine TB
- the BOVIGAM Interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma) blood test which allows laboratory analysis to determine if the animal has reacted to potential avian TB or bovine TB