

Alberta TB Case Update – May 5, 2017

- Roughly 40 premises remain under quarantine, including sites that no longer have cattle. This represents approximately 7,600 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.
- Sixty-four sites have been released from quarantine, including low risk trace-out feedlot cattle, fenceline contact herds, and some trace-out herds.
- The bulk of trace-out herds have been identified and tested.
- Preliminary laboratory testing of all current samples should be completed very shortly, however, culture results will take significantly longer to complete.
- To date, all culture results have been negative.
- Due to the time of year, it is expected that the bulk of trace-in testing will occur in the fall of 2017. Producers who may be part of the trace-in investigation will be contacted by CFIA to complete an epidemiological questionnaire to learn more about their operation. 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.
- 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.
- Cleaning and disinfection procedures on the 18 infected and presumed infected premises continues, and is tracking well to begin the necessary fallow period at the beginning of June for most operations.

- 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>