



## Conditional release of quarantine and movement controls prior to final lab culture results

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has started to release quarantines and movement controls for some herds and premises that are considered to be low risk for bovine TB. This step is based on the progress of the disease investigation and test results in reactors from outside of the infected herd that have not shown evidence of bovine TB to date.

Movement controls have been removed from seven feedlot operations as of December 23, 2016 and the CFIA has begun to evaluate individual herds for possible release from movement controls.

Under specific circumstances, certain trace out herds or premises (involving animals traced from the infected herd to another location) may be released before final lab culture results confirming negative TB status are received.

The lab culture test will be completed on tissues from all reactor animals and a positive result for bovine TB at the final testing stage will result in the affected herd being declared infected.

Herds or premises that may be considered for release prior to final negative lab culture results are those that had:

- a trace-out animal or animals that transited through a feedlot
- a trace-out animal or animals located in feedlot
- a trace-out animal or animals that transited through breeding herd
- a trace-out animal or animals located in breeding herd

**Contact herds are not being considered for release prior to final lab culture results at this stage of the investigation.**

Herds will be considered for release from quarantine and movement controls that were established using CFIA form 4206 when:

- a CFIA epidemiological evaluation and herd assessment is completed
- the trace animal and any reactors identified through on-farm testing have been destroyed and have not shown evidence of bovine TB at both the detailed post-mortem and histopathology examinations

**Conditions for the release of trace out herds and premises from CFIA movement controls (CFIA 4206)**

If a herd is released, the owner will be required to keep detailed records for any livestock removed from the premises until the CFIA has completed the investigation of the index herd and current infected herd.

The detailed records must include:

- Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) tag numbers
- age and gender of the animals
- date of any removals
- destination to which animals were moved

The owner will also be required to sign a letter acknowledging the release conditions and that a positive lab culture for bovine TB will result in the herd being declared infected.

### **Conditions for the release of trace in herds and premises from CFIA movement controls (CFIA 4206)**

The conditions for the release of trace in herds are being reviewed and will be communicated once they are finalized.

### **Review for release of quarantine and movement controls**

The CFIA will complete the epidemiological evaluation and herd assessment for as histopathology results become available.

Producers will not need to request the conditional release. The CFIA will contact producers when herds become eligible.