



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Brucellosis – No Change Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through May 11, 2017.** Comments may be emailed to ecomments@agri.ohio.gov or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The rules in this package regulate the disease known as Brucellosis which is designated under section 901:1-21-02 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) as dangerously contagious and infectious. Pursuant to authority in section 941.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Director of Agriculture has authority to use all proper means in the prevention and eradication of infectious and contagious diseases which pose a threat to public health or animal health.

These rules are presented as no change rules. The federal government has proposed new rules regarding brucellosis however; these rules have been in draft form for over two years. The rules in this Chapter are up for five year rule review. Once amended by the federal government, these rules will be re-reviewed.

More specifically the rules in the chapter are as follows:

901:1-5-01 sets out the definitions of what an official brucellosis test is. The tests outlined in this rule indicate the approved tests for brucellosis. Any other test utilized would not be a valid result.

901:1-5-02 defines an official brucellosis vaccinate. An official brucellosis vaccinate is generally a female bovine or bison animal which has been vaccinated for brucellosis.

901:1-5-03 sets out the standards for a brucellosis whole herd test.

901:1-5-04 states that the department may quarantine any premises where brucellosis is known to exist or which there is good reason to suspect the presence of brucellosis.

901:1-5-05 sets out the rules for selling, moving, or disposing of cattle. No person may sell, move, or dispose of cattle unless they follow the restrictions in this rule.

901:1-5-06 sets the procedure for designating a herd of cattle as brucellosis free. A herd that is designated as brucellosis free is not subject to all of the requirements of 901:1-5-05 for the movement of cattle.

901:1-5-07 sets the procedure for designating an area as brucellosis free for cattle. Cattle in an area that is designated as brucellosis free is not subject to all of the requirements of 901:1-5-05 for the movement of cattle.



901:1-5-08 outlines how a brucellosis free area is recertified as brucellosis free.

901:1-5-09 states that the Department may validate or revalidate a herd of swine as brucellosis free by following the requirements of this rule.

901:1-5-10 sets the procedure for designating a herd as brucellosis free for swine.

901:1-5-11 sets the procedure for designating an area as brucellosis free for swine.

