





implemented a collaborative effort with Quality Certification Services (QCS) for certification of Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) and non-DHI laboratories.

As part of this collaboration, NVSL will receive a panel of well-characterized milk samples routinely used in the QCS monthly test panel. NVSL will evaluate these milk samples for suitability. In addition, NVSL will request specific milk samples for kit assembly to ensure the kit composition meets the description within the Uniform Program Standards for the Voluntary Bovine Johne's Disease Control Program – 2010.

NVSL will be responsible for the distribution of the proficiency test kits to all participating laboratories. The DHI laboratories receiving these kits will conduct all required milk testing (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and milk quality testing) using these kits.

All laboratories (DHI and non-DHI) will report their proficiency test results through the QCS online reporting program. At the end of the reporting deadline, NVSL will download all results from the QCS online reporting program, evaluate the submitted results, and administer certification notices to laboratories that successfully complete the Johne's Milk ELISA Proficiency Test.