Summary of BNC Tuberculosis Meeting
Durango, May 15-17, 2017

• Discussed developing a heifer import protocol for removing the requirement for the blue eartag (spay tag).
• Discussed changing the requirements for Tuberculosis Accredited free herds in non-accredited areas. (Mexico is resending a proposal to APHIS for review.)
• Dr. Rhodes provided a summary of the TB reviews planned in Mexico by APHIS this year.
• More information was needed by APHIS before they can report on the TB status of Tamaulipas.
• There had been a discrepancy in reports of positive TB cases between Mexico and the US. To resolve this issue, it was agreed by both governments that only confirmed cases will be reported.
• Certificate of origin (Mexico wants to avoid duplication).
Mexico TB Reviews FY 2017

- Tamaulipas – March (Retained MA Status)
- Nuevo Leon – June (results pending)
- Coahuila – September (results pending)
The State and industry binational group expressed a desire to take back some control of BNC activities from the federal governments.

Dr. Schwartz described a pilot project on use of ultra-high frequency RFID tags, scheduled for July at Colombia/Laredo port. **Action Item:** US and Mexican States and industry wanted to be involved and had additional recommendations.

The BNC Executive Committee decided to hold their own pilot project to demonstrate how cattle can be electronically identified and import information captured electronically from farms of origin in Mexico through to the port with electronic CVIs and test charts.

The two pilot projects were combined during BNC into one project to be conducted in July. (Dr. Schwartz and APHIS to host weekly planning conference calls with participants.)

Mexico wanted to know what is required by APHIS to have their SINIIGA eartag approved as the only official eartag needed for importation of cattle from Mexico.

Concern was expressed over the possible closure of the San Luis Rio Colorado port. The group asked that the port be kept open and land for new pens be quickly identified and procured on the US side. (It is the closest port to California and Baja California. Sonora exporters also want the port open.)

The BNC coordinators were asked to get with APHIS and determine what electronic documents are needed to meet importation requirements.
Southern Border Cattle Importation Working Group for Improved Traceability

- Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, NM lead
- Started dialog with importers and states
- Determined what documentation would be practical and serve the needs of the states
  - Brand inspection
  - Copy of VS 17-30
  - Broker to provide the receiver, address, phone, number and sex of cattle to the destination state’s permitting line or email
Bovine Tuberculosis Status of Mexican States by USDA
June 30, 2017

Reconocimiento del 66.23%

Actualizado al 30 de junio de 2017.
Dirección de Campañas Zoosanitarias SENASICA-SAGARPA.

* El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) reconoce la zona “A” del estado de Durango como acreditado modificado, a partir del 01 de diciembre de 2016.
Bovine Tuberculosis Regionalization Plan for Mexico
Next BNC Meeting

- January 29 – 30, 2018
- Held in prior to NCBA annual convention
- Phoenix, Arizona
Thank You!