Idaho Brucellosis Update

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2012 Cases

- Domestic bison herd in Swan Valley
  - 3 whole herd tests completed with at least 1 reactor identified on each test
  - Remains under quarantine and operating under herd plan
  - Next whole herd test scheduled for Fall 2013
2012 Cases

• Cattle herd west of Ashton
  – Remains under quarantine
  – Operating under approved herd plan
  – Had 2 negative whole herd tests in 2012
  – Post calving test in April 2013 identified 1 reactor
  – Whole herd negative test in August 2013
  – Whole herd negative test October 11, 2013
  – Post calving test to be conducted Spring 2014
Brucellosis Review
Recommendations

• Expand the DSA.
  – Expanded by rule during 2013 Legislative Session

• Work with Idaho Department of Fish & Game to enhance surveillance of wild elk in areas around the DSA.
  – Enhanced hunter surveillance in areas outside of the DSA.
  – Live animal capture and testing whenever feasible
  – Continue aggressive elk/cattle interaction mitigation actions.
Brucellosis Review

Recommendations

• Implement pre-slaughter testing of all DSA slaughter cattle at livestock markets.
  – Implemented pre-slaughter testing of DSA cattle at Livestock Markets.

• Enhance enforcement of movement testing & ID requirements utilizing Brand Inspectors.
  – Rule change proposed that will require cattle producers utilizing Idaho’s DSA to obtain a permit prior to movement of cattle out of the DSA.
  – Negotiated rulemaking meetings held to allow producer input. Good producer support.
Brucellosis Review
Recommendations

• Increase public outreach
  – Multiple meetings held with the Idaho Cattle Association general membership
    • ICA appointed a producer committee to assist with enforcement of testing requirements
  – Numerous local meetings have been held with producers in and around the DSA.
  – IDF&G assisting with outreach to hunters and landowners.
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