

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2004

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24 **APPROVED AS AMENDED**

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS

SUBJECT MATTER: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ERADICATION OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

DATES: OCTOBER 27, 2004

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 1) In 2000 all states were tuberculosis free except Michigan; however, Texas lost free status in 2002 and California and New Mexico lost free status in 2003.
- 2) The situation in Michigan seems to be holding as status quo.
- 3) Tuberculosis cases are being discovered that trace to large dairy calf development units.
- 4) A previously infected elk herd in Kansas was found to be infected.
- 5) Nineteen of the top 40 adult cattle slaughter plants are not submitting granuloma samples at an acceptable rate.
- 6) Individual states are initiating entry test requirements for dairy cattle.
- 7) The goal of tuberculosis eradication by 2003 was not achieved.
- 8) Mexican origin feeder cattle with tuberculosis continue to be discovered in U.S. slaughter plants.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) strongly urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to adopt the Strategic Plan for the Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis and incorporate the recommendations contained in the Strategic Plan into the national Bovine Tuberculosis eradication plan (see attachment).

The USAHA requests the House Agriculture and the Senate Agriculture, Rural Development and related agencies appropriations subcommittees immediately provide \$35.84 million per annum to fund the recommendations of the Strategic Plan for the eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis. Furthermore, the USAHA urges the secretary of agriculture to request line item funding of \$35.84 million in the USDA budget for fiscal year 2007 for the ongoing support of the recommendations in the Strategic Plan for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis.

The USAHA urges the livestock industry organizations, state animal health agencies and state wildlife agencies to support the USDA funding requests so that the recommendations of the strategic plan can be fully implemented.

RESPONSE:

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, VETERINARY SERVICES (APHIS-VS)

The Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS), is waiting receipt of the final 2004 Strategic Plan for the Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis. Once received, VS will make every effort to incorporate the recommendations of the strategic plan into the national Bovine Tuberculosis eradication plan, provided we receive approved funding.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) – NO RESPONSE – 5-26-05
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