

# State of Minnesota Bovine TB Newsletter

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## DNR to Amend Emergency Landowner/ Tenant Rule in Bovine TB Area

Beginning August 1, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will amend the emergency rule allowing landowners, tenants, and their designated agents to take deer without a permit in the landowner/tenant shooting zone in northwest Minnesota. At that time, a permit will be required to shoot deer between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, and for taking deer with the use of an artificial



light. The amended rule will also require that the antlers of any deer taken be turned over to the DNR Thief Lake Area Wildlife manager.

The emergency rule first went into effect March 31, establishing a zone in which cattle owners could remove deer that were interacting with their cattle. The establishment of the zone is part of Minnesota's overall strategy to eradicate bovine TB in the state. A map of the landowner/tenant zone is available on the DNR Web site at [www.mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/tb](http://www.mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/tb).

The amended emergency rule will still require that all deer be field-dressed at the time of the kill and presented to forestry offices in Wannaska or Grygla or the Thief Lake Wildlife office within 48 hours for testing. Tags will still be required for all deer transported or retained in possession.

The amended rule will expire August 31, after which, a permit will be required to take deer within the landowner/tenant shooting zone. Permits will be available at local DNR area wildlife offices.

## Buyout Participant Load-Out Requirements

When buyout cattle are loaded out, a regulatory agent must be present to verify the identification of the cattle and validate the Animal Movement Certificate. To schedule a regulatory agent for your load-out, contact Laura Drewry or Betsy Lempelius at the TB Hotline 1-877-MN TB FREE (668-2373) two weeks prior to your load-out date.

## Michigan TB Conference

The Michigan Department of Agriculture hosted the 2008 Bovine TB Scientific Meeting in Lansing, MI on July 22-24. Representatives from Michigan, Minnesota, Canada, and New Zealand attended the conference and gave presentations about their current TB situations and eradication efforts. A handful of researchers also presented their work on bovine TB vaccines, risk-mitigation, and wildlife control. Presenting on behalf of Minnesota were Drs. Bill Hartmann, Michelle Carstensen, Scott Wells, and Grant Crawford.



The representatives attending the conference were able to share challenges they have faced in controlling bovine TB and programs they are employing to curb the disease.

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