

Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission
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Act 87 of 1963 and Act 150 of 1985

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEPOPULATION OF BRUCELLA ABORTUS INFECTED
CATTLE HERDS WITH FEDERAL DEPOPULATION FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE STATE/FEDERAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST**

- A. All bovine animals in approved herds are to be depopulated except steers and/or spayed heifers. Heifers over 400 pounds body weight will be S-branded or spayed.
- B. All animals to be depopulated shall be branded and tagged within 15 days after approval of the depopulation. Within 15 days after the branding and tagging, the animals must be slaughtered at a federally inspected slaughtering establishment. Any extensions of these time limits can be granted only by the federal VIC. Thirty days after the approval of the depopulation, there will be no sexually intact bovine animals on the premise.
- C. The premises are not to be restocked with sexually intact bovine animals for a minimum of 90 days following depopulation.
- D. The premises are to be inspected by program personnel prior to restocking:
 - (1) Should the inspector determine that certain areas or facilities need cleaning and disinfection, the owner must accomplish this under the supervision of the inspector.
 - (2) Should the inspection reveal other species to be infected with Brucella abortus, said animals must be removed from the farm premises at least 90 days prior to restocking.
- E. Restocking Requirements:
 - (1) All female cattle must be official calfhood vaccinates.
 - (2) All test eligible cattle must have a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to arrival at premises.

- (3) The cattle must be retested at the owner's expense 45 to 120 days after arrival. (Program officials may require additional tests beyond 120 days.)

F. The owner agrees to accept \$_____ indemnity for each bovine animal depopulated, regardless of age, sex, breed or registration status. Bull calves will be castrated, and heifers over 400 pounds body weight and not of test eligible status will be either S-branded or spayed; neither group will receive indemnity payments.

Any person or entity who violates any part of this regulation shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor which is punishable of up to 1 year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.00.