



# Animal Health Notes

*March 10, 2017*

## **Bovine Tuberculosis in South Dakota**

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a South Dakota beef herd. Infected cows were initially identified in February by federal meat inspectors during routine slaughter inspection in two Nebraska cow plants. The origin of the cattle was traced to a herd in Harding County based on animal identification records. Herd testing along with laboratory confirmation has revealed additional infected animals.

The Animal Industry Board Staff is working closely with the affected herd owner, USDA officials, area veterinarians and neighboring herd owners to evaluate the extent of the disease. Necessary precautions are being taken to protect the health of South Dakota's cattle industry. Adjacent herds are being tested.

Bovine TB is a chronic respiratory disease of cattle. It is a slowly progressive disease that does not spread easily. Infected animals may be capable of transmitting infection to other animals even if they appear healthy. The US has nearly eliminated bovine TB due to a cooperative eradication campaign. South Dakota has officially been recognized as free of the disease since 1982. The last affected herd was identified in November, 2011.

Additional Information can be found on the AIB website: <http://aib.sd.gov/BovineTB.html>

## **Poultry Testing Agent Training**

This is an educational opportunity to be trained as a SD Authorized Poultry Testing Agent. The training course will consist of an introduction to significant poultry diseases, the South Dakota Animal Industry Board regulations pertaining to Pullorum disease control, use of official testing forms, biosecurity principles, equipment and antigen needed to conduct Pullorum testing, and the testing procedure.

**Date:** Wednesday 03/29/2017

**Where:** Pennington County 4-H  
601 E. Centre Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**Time:** 10:00am-3:30pm MST

**Date:** Wednesday 04/19/2017

**Where:** Dakota Ag Plaza  
SD State Fairgrounds  
1060 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW  
Huron, SD 57350

**Time:** 10:00am-3:30pm CST

Please register by contacting SD AIB:  
Phone: 605.773.3321 Email: [aibmail@state.sd.us](mailto:aibmail@state.sd.us)

## **New Staff to the Animal Industry Board**

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board welcomes new inspectors Austin Petrick and Bir Bhandari. Austin will be stationed in Area II and based out of Rapid City. Bir is stationed in Area III and will make his home in Parkston, SD. Welcome Aboard!