

#### **40-13-4-.04 Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Requirements.**

- (1) The State of Georgia is designated as an Accredited Tuberculosis- Free State by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (2) The Georgia Department of Agriculture adopts the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules in effect by the United States Department of Agriculture. Said Uniform Methods and Rules are on file in the State Veterinarian's office and are available on request. The State Veterinarian reserves the option of applying rules that may exceed the minimum set forth in the Uniform Methods and Rules.
- (3) Movement of cattle into Georgia shall be in accordance with the recommendation of the USDA Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules and the rules of the Georgia Department of Agriculture.
- (4) Official Tests: An accredited veterinarian must conduct all tuberculosis tests. The results must be reported on the official Tuberculosis Test Record and forwarded to the State Veterinarian's office within five (5) business days after the tests are completed. The testing veterinarian will report immediately by telephone all responding animals to the State Veterinarian and procedures will be carried out in accordance with the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.
- (5) Milk Ordinance Tests: ~~Dairy herds will be tested for tuberculosis every six (6) years. Only cattle two (2) years of age and older are required to be tested. Dairy herds not in compliance with the rules of this chapter are subject to revocation of their Grade A milkshipping permit.~~ The Georgia Department of Agriculture shall conduct tuberculosis tests on any dairy herd suspected of being infected with or exposed to Mycobacterium bovis at such times as deemed necessary by state and/or federal animal health officials. Georgia Department of Agriculture animal health officials reserve the right to supervise and monitor any tuberculosis testing and the associated control and eradication activities.
- (6) Quarantine: All herds containing any cattle responding to the caudal fold test will be placed under quarantine. These herds will be retested in accordance with the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules and as required by the Georgia Department of Agriculture to qualify for quarantine release.
- (7) Individual Herd Accreditation: Individual herds may be designated as Accredited Tuberculosis-Free by complying with the requirements of the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.
- (8) Owner's Responsibility: It shall be the responsibility of the herd owner to provide the necessary facilities and labor to pen all eligible animals for testing.
- (9) Cleaning and Disinfecting: Affected premises shall be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with instruction of the State Veterinarian and the USDA.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 4-4-1, 4-4-64 to 4-4-67, 4-4-70, 4-4-92, 4-4-93, 4-4-95, 4-4-96. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Veterinary Services" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Out-of-State Cattle" adopted. F. Apr. 1, 1970; eff. Apr. 20, 1970. **Amended:** F. July 15, 1971; eff. Aug. 4, 1971. **Amended:** ER. 40-13-4- 0.5-.04 adopted. F. Aug. 29, 1972; eff. Sept. 1, 1972, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Feb. 26, 1973; eff. Mar. 18, 1973. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 2, 1984; eff. May 22, 1984. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Requirements" adopted. F. Jan. 17, 2003; eff. Feb. 6, 2003.