

Field Veterinarian SOP Medical Separation - Bovine-Cervid (09/05/2018)

Cases are referred by Animal Health Inspector to the Field Veterinary supervisor when Inspectors find that cervids and bovines herds are on the same premises and that no medical separation inspection has been done previously. Occasionally, cases may also be initiated by the Tuberculosis Program Manager.

Field Veterinary Supervisor consults the tuberculosis program manager and farm-raised deer program manager as needed and then assigns a case to a Field Veterinarian to do the inspection. cc: the case assignment to both the Tuberculosis Program Manager and the Farm-raised Deer Program Manager.

Language for case assignment:

Animal Health Inspector (name) noted that this farm has farm-raised deer and dairy/beef cattle on the same premises. The Inspector referred the case for a medical separation inspection by a field veterinarian. Please consult the Inspector for further details about the findings during the inspection.

See ATCP 10.46 (11) PROHIBITIONS. No person keeping a herd of farm-raised deer may do any of the following:

(d) 1. Except as authorized under subd. 2., cause or allow farm-raised deer to commingle with bovine animals on the same premises or in the same building, enclosure or vehicle except farm-raised deer and bovines may be commingled if no live farm-raised deer or live bovine animal is moved off the premises, except directly to slaughter and accompanied by a completed federal bureau form VS 1-27 or a department permit under s. ATCP 10.08 (3).

2. Farm-raised deer may be kept on the same premises as bovine animals if the two species are medically separated.

The USDA TB UM&R defines geographic separation as 30 feet or more between herds.

In addition, the owner needs to commit to biosecurity measures in a written plan. The biosecurity plan should address fomite, feed, water, handling facilities, conveyances, and drainage patterns on the farm to avoid carrying diseases between the separated herds.

- Please fill out the AH-VT-1090 Farm-Raised Deer Initial Inspection Report Medical Separation. Cross out the section on Co-mingling with other Farm-raised Deer and complete the Comingling with Bovine Animals section.
- Make sure to include the date of inspection.
- Please have the farm owner/manager sign the inspection form.
- Sign the form as the inspector.
- Attach the farmer's signed and dated biosecurity plan that states how they will keep the herds separate. Please review biosecurity plan prior to submission and ensure that key areas listed above are addressed in the biosecurity plan.
- Attach an overview satellite map or diagram of the locations of the cervids and bovines, showing the physical separation including distances, traffic flow, feed, equipment storage areas etc, as appropriate.

- As needed, attach photographs and GPS points of the separation distances/fences.

Next steps....

Program manager may request follow-up on investigation if areas in the biosecurity plan have not been sufficiently addressed to approve the request.

Final decision will be mailed from program. A copy of the notification will be sent to field veterinarian.