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Idaho State Department of Agriculture announces expansion of Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area

Fremont County included in new boundary

BOISE – The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has adjusted the boundary for the brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) in eastern Idaho. The expansion was prompted by identification of a cattle herd outside the DSA that tested positive for brucellosis early this year. The DSA is located on the Idaho-Wyoming border and includes portions of Teton, Bonneville, and Caribou counties. The expansion will add all of Fremont County to the DSA.

The first DSA was established in Idaho in 2010 to help prevent transmission of brucellosis, a disease carried by infected wildlife and which causes cattle to abort their young. Cattle in the DSA are required to undergo increased surveillance testing prior to change of ownership or movement out of the area. "We are working hard to not only prevent the transmission of the disease from wildlife to cattle but to provide our trading partner states with the confidence that the cattle we export are free of brucellosis," said Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho's state veterinarian.

The ISDA will provide several opportunities to attend public outreach meetings regarding the expansion of the DSA. The first meeting has been scheduled for November 28th, from 6-8p.m. at the U of I Fremont County Extension Office located at 19 W. 1st N., St Anthony.

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