

Total Burden Hours: 1,759.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0063]

#### Notice of Request for Approval of an Information Collection; Brucellosis First Point Testing of Cattle and Bison; Brucellosis Standard Card Test

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** New information collection;  
comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this  
notice announces the Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection Service's intention to  
request approval of an information  
collection associated with the State-  
Federal Brucellosis Eradication  
Program.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments  
that we receive on or before October 7,  
2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments  
by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to  
[http://www.regulations.gov/  
#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063-  
0001](http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063-0001).

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*  
Send your comment to Docket No.  
APHIS-2011-0063, Regulatory Analysis  
and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station  
3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118,  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any  
comments we receive on this docket  
may be viewed at [http://  
www.regulations.gov/  
#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0063) or  
in our reading room, which is located in  
room 1141 of the USDA South Building,  
14th Street and Independence Avenue,  
SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading  
room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday, except  
holidays. To be sure someone is there to  
help you, please call (202) 690-2817  
before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
information on brucellosis first point  
testing of cattle and bison and the  
standard card test, contact Dr. Arnold A.  
Gertonson, Senior Staff Veterinarian,  
Ruminant Health Programs, NCAHP,  
NAHPP, VS, APHIS, 2150 Centre

Avenue, Building B, MSC 3E20, Fort  
Collins, CO 90526-8117; (970) 494-  
7363. For copies of more detailed  
information on the information  
collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles,  
APHIS' Information Collection  
Coordinator, at (301) 851-2908.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:*  
Brucellosis First Point Testing of Cattle  
and Bison; Brucellosis Standard Card  
Test.

*OMB Number:* 0579-xxxx.

*Type of Request:* Approval of an  
information collection.

*Abstract:* Under the Animal Health  
Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*),  
the Animal and Plant Health Inspection  
Service (APHIS) of the United States  
Department of Agriculture is authorized,  
among other things, to prohibit or  
restrict the importation and interstate  
movement of animals and animal  
products to prevent the introduction  
into and dissemination within the  
United States of animal diseases and  
pests and for eradicating such diseases  
when feasible.

Brucellosis is a contagious disease  
that primarily affects cattle, bison, and  
swine. It causes the loss of young  
through spontaneous abortion or birth of  
weak offspring, reduced milk  
production, and infertility. The  
continued presence of brucellosis in a  
herd seriously threatens the health of  
other animals and can cause devastating  
losses to farmers in the United States.

The State-Federal Brucellosis  
Eradication Program, a national  
cooperative program, is working to  
eradicate this serious disease of  
livestock from the United States. The  
program uses a system of State and area  
classifications, movement restrictions,  
testing protocols, extensive  
epidemiological investigations, and  
other measures to prevent its spread and  
eradicate the disease.

First point testing (FPT) is a key  
method for controlling brucellosis and  
is performed at a Veterinary Services  
(VS)-approved stockyard or other points  
of first concentration when livestock are  
moved from the farm of origin. The  
brucellosis standard card test is used as  
the official FPT brucellosis test for cattle  
or bison when a State animal health  
official has specifically designated it as  
the official test for cattle and bison at  
VS-approved stockyards in that State.  
The test is used to determine the  
brucellosis disease status of cattle and  
bison for interstate movement from the  
approved stockyards and at VS-  
approved brucellosis diagnostic  
laboratories. Only authorized State and  
Federal brucellosis program personnel  
and accredited veterinarians may

conduct the brucellosis standard card  
test on cattle and bison at premises  
other than VS-approved livestock  
facilities. Card test authorization  
involves information collection  
activities, including a memorandum of  
understanding, a card test notice, and an  
authorization form.

We are asking the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) to  
approve our use of these information  
collection activities for 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit  
comments from the public (as well as  
affected agencies) concerning our  
information collection. These comments  
will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of  
information is necessary for the proper  
performance of the functions of the  
Agency, including whether the  
information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our  
estimate of the burden of the collection  
of information, including the validity of  
the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on those who  
are to respond, through use, as  
appropriate, of automated, electronic,  
mechanical, and other collection  
technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic  
submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public  
reporting burden for this collection of  
information is estimated to average  
0.1768953 hours per response.

*Respondents:* State animal health  
officials and accredited veterinarians.

*Estimated annual number of  
respondents:* 57.

*Estimated annual number of  
responses per respondent:* 4.8596491.

*Estimated annual number of  
responses:* 277.

*Estimated total annual burden on  
respondents:* 49 hours. (Due to  
averaging, the total annual burden hours  
may not equal the product of the annual  
number of responses multiplied by the  
reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be  
summarized and included in the request  
for OMB approval. All comments will  
also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of  
August 2011.

**Gregory L. Parham,**

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health  
Inspection Service.

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