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**STATE VETERINARIAN REMINDS PRODUCERS OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE
THAT TEST POSITIVE FOR TRICHOMONIASIS**

LINCOLN – As cattle producers conduct breeding soundness and Trichomoniasis testing this year, State Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Hughes would like to remind producers of their responsibilities, if they have a positive Trichomoniasis diagnosis within their herd.

According to Hughes, LB 423 was passed last spring and took effect in September. The statute has some specific reporting requirements for producers who have a positive Trichomoniasis diagnosis within their herd, including:

1. The cattle producer or his or her veterinarian must report any positive Trichomoniasis diagnosis to NDA within five business days from knowledge of the formal diagnosis.
2. After knowledge of a formal diagnosis, the cattle producer will have 14 days to notify their neighbors of the diagnosis. Neighbor means adjacent landowners or land managers, with land capable of maintaining livestock susceptible to Trichomoniasis, even if cattle are not currently maintained on such owner's or manager's land.
3. The cattle producer must submit a completed Neighbor Notification Form (found on the NDA website) to NDA within 14 days after the diagnosis. The form is to include the names of adjacent landowners and land managers who were notified and their contact information.

"Trichomoniasis can be devastating to a herd, and while owners of affected herds generally don't like to talk about it, communication allows other producers to reinforce good biosecurity measures," said Dr. Hughes.

For more information on the statute, producers can visit www.nda.nebraska.gov or call 800-572-2437.

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