

## 8.2 Brucellosis

This module describes the surveillance programs in place in Canada for brucellosis (*B.abortus*), a disease listed in the *Reportable Diseases Regulations*.

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1. Canada's national cattle herd was declared brucellosis-free on September 19, 1985. Disease monitoring continues at this time in the form of active disease surveillance through auction market testing in northern Alberta and B.C., and in the form of passive surveillance through disease reporting mechanisms and the brucellosis testing of cattle being qualified for export to countries other than the U.S. Brucellosis ring testing of milk and cream, as well as the Market Cow Testing of slaughter cattle, ended on April 1, 1999.
2. The significance of disease reporting by veterinary practitioners in the surveillance program is therefore increased. Veterinary practitioners are encouraged to discuss instances of unexplained bovine abortions with a CFIA district veterinarian, and to submit convalescent serum to that official wherever possible for confirmatory negative testing.