

8.3 Tuberculosis

This module describes the surveillance programs in place in Canada for tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*), a disease listed in the *Reportable Diseases Regulations*.

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1. Agriculture Canada first conducted on-farm testing of cattle to detect and control tuberculosis in cattle in 1923. The first General Test, during which all cattle herds in Canada were tested, was completed in 1961. In the late 1970s, after a series of General Tests had been conducted across Canada, an abattoir based screening and trace back program replaced on farm testing as the principal tuberculosis surveillance procedure.
2. Tuberculosis has also been diagnosed in various species of ungulates, particularly cervidae. Regulations restricting the transport of cervidae in Canada were put into effect to help control tuberculosis. Information regarding the permit requirements for movement of cervids is available from CFIA district veterinarians.