

**Request to become a
Trichomoniasis Certified Veterinarian
in Mississippi**

To become a Trichomoniasis Certified Veterinarian, complete the training requirements and send this completed form to:

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Certification is good for a period of five years.

Veterinarians can complete the training by either attending a live training session or by completing the training module on-line.

As a licensed and accredited veterinarian, I wish to be certified to collect and submit samples for bovine trichomoniasis in Mississippi. I have received training in trichomoniasis disease epidemiology, diagnostic testing, and control through the MS State Veterinarian's office.

A copy of my test or certificate of completion is attached to this request.

Printed name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

USDA Accreditation # _____ MS License #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Training date: _____ Method: Online In person by: _____

State Veterinarian's office approval: Test Score: _____/12

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Definitions:

Accredited veterinarian – a veterinarian approved by the APHIS administrator in accordance with the provisions of 9 CFR, part 161, to perform functions required by State-Federal-Industry cooperative programs.

Trichomoniasis - certified veterinarian - an accredited veterinarian who has completed a Mississippi trichomoniasis training program and is certified with the Mississippi State Veterinarian to collect and submit samples.

Certification Test

1. In Mississippi, a bull is considered a virgin bull if:
 - a) It is less than 18 months of age
 - b) It is less than 24 months of age
 - c) It has not been with breeding-aged females
 - d) Both a & c are true
 - e) Both b & c are true

2. Which of the following is considered an official trichomoniasis test in bulls according to the MBAH?
 - a) A single PCR
 - b) A single culture
 - c) An ELISA test
 - d) A serum antibody test
 - e) A complete breeding soundness exam (BSE)

3. In Mississippi, in order to submit samples for trichomoniasis testing, the submitter must:
 - a) Be licensed to practice veterinary medicine
 - b) Be Category II accredited through the USDA
 - c) Pass the MS Bovine Trichomoniasis Control Program certification test
 - d) Meet all the above requirements

4. The sale or transfer of bulls within the state of Mississippi requires a negative trichomoniasis test:
 - a) Within 7 days of sale or transfer and bulls have been segregated from female cattle
 - b) Within 30 days of sale or transfer and bulls have been segregated from female cattle
 - c) Within 60 days of sale or transfer and bulls have been segregated from female cattle
 - d) Within 90 days of sale or transfer and bulls have been segregated from female cattle
 - e) Never – only bulls moving interstate need trichomoniasis testing

5. The *Tritrichomonas foetus* organism:
 - a) Is easily detected in infected animals
 - b) Survives well in the outside environment
 - c) Only affects males
 - d) Does not infect bull younger than 2 years of age
 - e) Is spread through sexual contact

6. Bulls should be sexually rested for a minimum of _____ days before testing to allow multiplication of organisms to detectable levels:
 - a. 1 day
 - b. 4 days
 - c. 7 days
 - d. 14 days
 - e. 21 days

7. Bulls over 18 months of age sold at the stockyards:
 - a) Must be trichomoniasis tested to go back on-farm
 - b) Must be sold for slaughter only if not tested
 - c) May be tested at sale and kept under quarantine
 - d) Can be disposed of in any of the above ways

8. All bulls that have been in a herd with a positive bull must be quarantined and tested for *T. foetus* twice, with at least 30 days between tests
 - a. True
 - b. False

9. The approved devices for sampling bulls for *T. foetus* are:
 - a. Pizzle Stick (Lane Manufacturing Inc)
 - b. Trichit Testing Device (Morris Livestock Products)
 - c. 22-inch equine infusion pipette
 - d. Any of the above, if the sample is obtained from deep within the prepuce near the penile fornix and is opaque from cellular debris.

10. Acceptable forms of identification for bulls being tested for *T. foetus* in Mississippi are:
 - a. Registration ear tattoos
 - b. 840 Electronic Identification ear tags or silver metal NUES tags (if applied before November 2024)
 - c. Hot brand or freeze brand
 - d. All of the above

11. For pooled samples for Trichomonas testing in Mississippi:
 - a. The veterinarian can pool up to five individual samples at the owner's premises
 - b. The laboratory can pool up to five samples upon the veterinarian's request

12. Proper shipping of samples should include:
 - a) Freezing samples prior to shipment
 - b) Shipping samples on ice
 - c) Overnight shipping
 - d) Pooling samples