

Instructions for Completing the Texas Trichomoniasis Test Record

(The instructions below match the blocks on the TAHC Trichomoniasis Test Record. These instructions match the test record blocks from left to right, row by row.)

ROW 1:

State: Use the Postal Code TX for Texas

TAHC Area: Use the appropriate TAHC area number (1-8) that corresponds to the Texas county in which the bulls reside. If you do not know the TAHC area number, please contact the TAHC at 800-550-8242.

Herd Owner: Record the herd owner's name in this block.

Vet Printed Name: Please print legibly.

Vet Code: USDA accreditation number for the veterinarian conducting the sample collection.

ROW 2:

County Code: Name of the county where the bull being tested resides. The TAHC Area Office staff will fill in the appropriate code for the county.

Route-Street-Road: Owner's mailing address (see below for the Post Office-State-Zip block for the rest of the owner's address.)

Vet signature: Signature of the attending veterinarian

Specimen Collection Date: date the sample was collected from the bull.

ROW 3:

Herd Number: this block will be completed by the appropriate TAHC area office

Post Office-State-ZIP: The remaining portion of the owner's mailing address.

Route-Street-Road: The veterinarian's mailing address
(see below for the Post Office-State-Zip for the rest of the veterinarian's address.)

Vet Phone: Veterinarian's phone number

ROW 4:

Ranch name: if applicable.

NAIS: If the owner is a participant in the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), record the premises identification number here.

Post Office-State-ZIP: The remaining portion of the veterinarian's mailing address.

Vet Fax: Fax number for the attending veterinarian's office.

ROW 5:

Reason for Test:

Initial -- test for a bull that has not had a valid trichomoniasis test within the previous 30 days.

Retest -- second or third culture test performed as part of a three-test series, or the second PCR conducted within 30 days to release restrictions on exposed bulls.

Complete herd test of all eligible bulls?

Test-eligible bulls include:

1. All non-virgin bulls
2. Virgin bulls older than 24 months of age (the age may be extended to 30 months for virgin Texas bulls, if the attending veterinarian determines that facilities are adequate to prevent the commingling of female and male cattle).

Remarks: use as needed

ROW 6:

Select one from this box:

Diagnostic -- a non-regulatory test performed at the request of the owner. Culture tests performed at the veterinary clinic may not be used for change-of-ownership or other regulatory reasons. Diagnostic PCR tests, or a series of three diagnostic culture tests, each conducted seven days part, (when performed at an approved laboratory), are valid for both diagnosis and the change-of-ownership requirements in effect January 1, 2010.

Herd Cert/Valid -- herd certification and validation programs are planned, but have not yet been initiated in Texas.

Private sale -- test intended to satisfy all or part of Texas change-of-ownership requirements.

Post-move Quar & Test -- test performed on bulls purchased without a test (usually a sale barn).

Test to satisfy Texas change-of-ownership requirements.

Other -- any other reason for test.

Number of bulls in herd: inventory of herd bulls

ROW 7:

Test Requested: PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) or culture test using in-pouch media.

Herd type: Select the type of herd. Mixed herds contain both dairy and beef breeds that are commingled. "Other" include bison or exotic cattle breeds.

ROW 8:

Clinic Inclusion (PCR Only): samples for PCR testing must arrive at the TVMDL within 96 hours after collection. The in-pouch may be cultured at the veterinarian's office up to 48 hours prior to shipment. It is essential to note this culturing on the test record.

Pouch expiration date: Record the expiration date of the pouch.

Animal Information Section:

NO.: Numerical order of the bulls tested (1, 2, 3, etc.)

RETAG?: check here if a previously tested bull has had a new tag applied due to a lost or damaged ear tag.

OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: Record the official identification here. Acceptable identification includes: brucellosis ear tag, official 840 radio frequency identification device (RFID), official 840 flap or bangle tag, official individual animal breed registry brand, official individual animal breed registry tattoo, official state of origin trich tag (Texas does not have one of these).

AGE: Bull's age in months and/or years. Use "ADULT" if unknown.

BREED: Use standard breed abbreviations or descriptive color abbreviations for mixed breed bulls.

RESULTS—PCR, CULTURE: for TVMDL use

REMARKS: Secondary IDs on animals or other info

Important:

Please remember to distribute a copy of the test record to the owner and the TAHC area office.