State Confirms Bovine TB in Alpena County Dairy Herd

Producer meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

LANSING - Routine bovine Tuberculosis (TB) surveillance testing conducted by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently confirmed a medium size dairy herd as bovine TB positive in Alpena County. Bovine TB is an infectious bacterial disease that affects cattle and white-tailed deer in Michigan's northeastern Lower Peninsula.

A public information meeting will be held on January 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Wilson Township Hall, 3746 King Settlement Road, Herron, MI 49744.

Since the bovine TB eradication effort began, all of Michigan's 14,000 cattle farms have undergone TB testing. Since 1998, MDARD and USDA have detected and 55 TB positive cattle herds and four privately owned cervid operations in the northern section of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

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