



# DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY UPDATES

JUNE 2023

THE ISDA DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS.

Juneteenth - June 19th | Independence Day - July 4th

## CHANGES TO TRICH SAMPLE SUBMISSION

## ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION USING THE IDAHO LIVESTOCK TRACE PROGRAM IS REQUIRED FOR ALL IDAHO CATTLE.

Changes to the **Rules Governing Trichomoniasis (IDAPA 02.04.29)** have recently gone into effect, following approval from the 2023 Idaho Legislature. All Idaho bulls (mature and virgin) that are tagged and/or tested for Trich must now be submitted electronically to ISDA using the Idaho Livestock Trace Program. Each electronic submission must include both the **Trich tag number** and the **official animal ID** (RFID or USDA metal tag) of each bull. Paper submissions are no longer accepted for Idaho cattle. All sample submissions to the ISDA Animal Health Laboratory must include a printed copy of the electronic document in the sample package.

To obtain login credentials for the Idaho Livestock Trace Program, or for a tutorial of the database, please contact Miranda Juker at (208) 332-8571 or email [Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov](mailto:Miranda.Juker@isda.idaho.gov). Included with this newsletter is a step-by-step guide to reference when submitting samples using the online program.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The ISDA Diagnostic Lab offers After-Hours Sample Drop-off.

The ISDA Diagnostic Lab has an automated locker system available for use which allows users to drop-off samples outside of our normal business hours.

There are eight, secure lockers which are temperature-controlled to maintain sample integrity, and with unique logins, Chain of Custody is maintained electronically.

For more information, or to sign up and begin using this convenient option, please contact the lab.

Please note, Trich submissions for non-Idaho animals can still be completed using paper submission forms. Animal Industries will continue to forward results to the appropriate state's agencies.

### 2023 Trichomonas Culture Proficiency Tests

It's that time of year again for the Annual Trichomonas Culture Proficiency Test offering. If you wish to continue reading Trichomoniasis cultures, you must participate in the Proficiency Test every 3 years to maintain certification.

Registration emails will be sent out mid-June, with two ship dates scheduled tentatively, for July 18th and August 1st.

For questions, or to check your certification status, please contact the lab.

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