

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ADMINISTRATIVE CODECHAPTER 420-3-16-A
APPENDICES**420-3-16-AA** **Appendix A - Animal Disease Control.**

Copies of the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/tuberculosis/downloads/tb-umr.pdf) and Brucellosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules, (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_diseases/brucellosis/downloads/umr_bovine_bruc.pdf), current at the time of the adoption of these rules are available electronically using the hyperlinks above or may be obtained from your State Veterinarian:

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It is recommended that regulatory agencies initiate and/or promote a mastitis control program. A well-planned and extended educational phase will encourage the support of producers and reduce the problems of enforcement.

The National Mastitis Council (NMC), 421 South Nine Mound Road, Verona, Wisconsin 53593 (www.nmconline.org), has studied a large number of existing control programs and has outlined a suggested flexible control program. In addition, review of the current knowledge of mastitis may be found in their publications: Current Concepts of Bovine Mastitis and Laboratory Handbook of Bovine Mastitis.

Sanitarians may find the screening test a useful device for detecting abnormal milk. Sample screening methods, as well as somatic cell diagnosis and reduction programs are discussed in the references above, as well as the Dairy Practices Council (DPC), 19 Titus Court, Richboro, Pennsylvania 18954 (www.dairypc.org) publication: The Fieldperson's Guide to Troubleshooting High Somatic Cell Counts, DPC Guide Number 18.

Regulatory action should not be based on the use of mastitis screening tests alone. Screening tests should be used as an

adjunct to a complete program of mastitis control and milking-time inspections.

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