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Topics

1. Development and delivery of electronic certification at all livestock border port crossings
2. Streamline livestock handling procedures and standards at border ports
3. Address non-compliant, non-tagged, or down animals in trailer/conveyance
4. Staffing and back-up including during weekends/holidays



USDA advances in development and delivery of electronic certification at U.S. – Canada land border port crossings



For imports of Canadian animals to the United States:

1. The pilot project for Electronic Exchange of Export Certificates (EEEC) for export of cattle and bison from Canada to the United States was implemented at four ports of entry 2014 (3 in British Columbia and 1 in Alberta).
2. Certificates continue to be issued and authenticated through the EEEEC platform.

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For exports of U.S. animals to Canada:

1. Breeding and feeder cattle export certificates with VEHCs-generated electronic signatures are accepted by CFIA through designated ports
2. All other commodity certificates may be issued by accredited veterinarians in VEHCs, then printed and signed by APHIS
3. To date, over 28,000 VEHCs certificates have been generated for animals exported to Canada
4. The VEHCs system continues to be improved to meet the needs of exporters, internal users, and trading partners.
5. APHIS staff also continue to engage in discussions with trading partners on acceptance of VEHCs for priority markets.



Streamlining livestock handling procedures and standards at border ports

On-Truck Canadian Feeder Cattle Inspections

As of October 1, 2018, this process is available at all of the APHIS Veterinary Services staffed, land border ports of entry between the U.S. and Canada



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- Offer an on-truck inspection option for Canadian exporters of feeder cattle to the U.S.
- Exporter creates an importation request in VS Process Streamlining system with accurate electronic ID in advance of the import
- Port veterinarian verifies 10-20% of the RFID tags, “CAN” brands and performs visual health assessment from outside the truck



Streamlined On-Truck Canadian Feeder Cattle Inspections

Number of trucks inspected

Port	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018	January 2019	February 2019	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	TOTALS
Sumas, WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oroville, WA	-	-	-	1	12	23	18	7	61
Eastport, ID	1	6	-	19	22	26	87	97	258
Sweetgrass, MT	26	-	-	-	18	37	14	16	111
Raymond, MT	-	17	13	7	26	93	88	24	268
Portal, ND	28	51	11	8	37	46	67	28	276
Dunseith, ND	82	85	27	68	120	191	127	22	722
Pembina, ND	11	19	5	6	19	33	65	30	188
Port Huron, MI	3	-	2	-	-	2	9	2	18
Detroit, MI	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Niagara Falls, NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alexandria Bay, NY	-	5	3	-	-	-	1	2	11
Highgate Springs, VT	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Champlain, NY	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Derby Line, VT	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Houlton, ME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	154	184	61	110	255	452	476	228	1,920



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Sumas, WA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oroville, WA	-	-	-	73	858	1,656	1,265	489	4,341
Eastport, ID	71	425	-	2,260	1,740	1,889	6,225	6,689	19,299
Sweetgrass, MT	3,266	-	-	-	1,297	2,504	1,018	1,345	9,430
Raymond, MT	-	1,848	1,192	714	2,162	6,990	4,026	369	17,301
Portal, ND	3,223	5,168	1,057	747	3,104	3,778	5,215	2,121	24,413
Dunseith, ND	6,151	7,229	1,853	4,749	8,921	12,473	8,873	1,953	52,202
Pembina, ND	731	1,254	322	461	1,469	2,819	5,027	2,363	14,446
Port Huron, MI	194	-	149	-	-	130	589	126	1,188
Detroit, MI	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	37
Niagara Falls, NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alexandria Bay, NY	-	130	82	-	-	-	1	4	217
Highgate Springs, VT	26	27	-	-	3	-	-	-	56
Champlain, NY	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Derby Line, VT	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
Houlton, ME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	13,714	16,081	4,655	9,041	19,554	32,240	32,239	15,459	142,983

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Port personnel are readily able to verify ID, brands and health status

Total inspection time is reduced by more than half compared to the offloading process.

Process also reduces the time to process paperwork

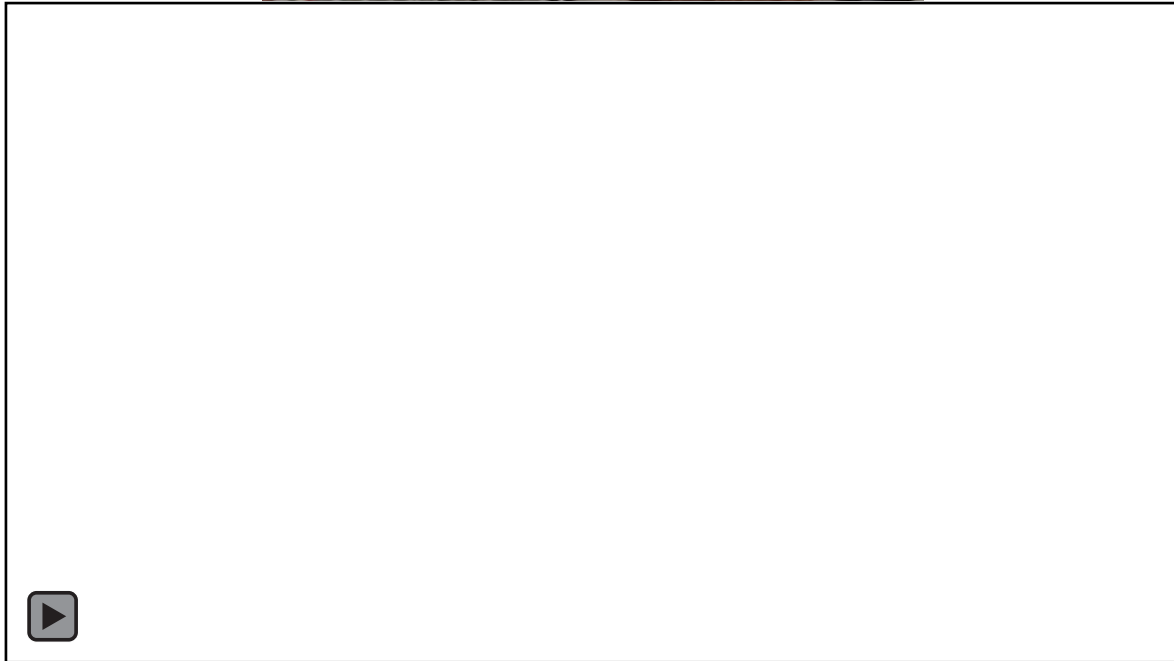
Improved ID data capture and traceability within our federal import data system

Streamlining livestock handling procedures and standards at border ports

Streamlined On-Truck Canadian Feeder Bison Inspection Pilot

- UHF tagging and on-truck inspection
- Saves time and cost for the importers
- Eliminates need to coordinate inspections on arrival at the destination
- Allows for increased safety for the animals and inspectors





Streamlined On-Truck Canadian Feeder Bison Inspection Pilot



Case by case management of non-compliant, non-tagged, or down animals in trailer/conveyance

The options include:

1. Allow the truck to go back to Canada to offload the non-compliant animal, and re-present same day with the same health certificate.
2. Offload non-compliant animals and hold at the port of entry
 - Used when the return to origin is more time consuming
 - Requires trucking company to collect and return the animal to Canada.
3. Refuse entry
 - Used when multiple non-compliant animals and/or documents
 - This is a full return and the need to start over with the import.



Staffing and back-up, including during week-ends/holidays



Northern Border Ports Contact List

Local Contacts

Pembina Port Office 701.825.6262 vs.pembina.poe@aphis.usda.gov

National Contacts

NBP Admin Office 701.250.4210 option #2 vs.nbp@aphis.usda.gov

Veterinarian in Charge 701.355.3338/701.400.0206

- After hours work has to be authorized and scheduled in advance – contact the port office
- If there is an afterhours emergency, Customs and Border Protection Office will call the cell phone number of the local VS Port VMO



Questions?

