

brucellosis. Animals removed from the herd or flock after that date will be considered exposed to the disease and eligible for indemnity; those removed before that date will not;

(c) Individual horses that have been found to be brucellosis reactor animals.

**§ 51.24 Maximum per-head indemnity amounts.**

Owners of the types of animals listed in § 51.22 of this subpart are eligible to receive Federal indemnity for their animals. All animals must be individually appraised to determine their fair market value. The indemnity amount will be the appraised value minus the salvage value of the animal, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per animal in the case of horses. An independent appraiser selected by the Administrator will conduct appraisals. APHIS will pay the cost of appraisals.

**§ 51.25 Proof of destruction.**

The Veterinarian in Charge will accept any of the following documents as proof of destruction:

- (a) A postmortem report;
- (b) A meat inspection certification of slaughter;
- (c) A written statement by a State representative, APHIS representative, or accredited veterinarian attesting to the destruction of the animals;
- (d) A written, sworn statement by the owner or caretaker of the animal attesting to the destruction of the animals;
- (e) A permit (VS Form 1-27) consigning the animal from a farm or livestock market directly to a slaughter establishment; or
- (f) In unique situations where none of the documents listed above are available, other similarly reliable forms of proof of destruction.

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**§ 51.26 Record of tests.**

An APHIS representative, State representative, or accredited veterinarian will compile, on an APHIS-approved form, a complete test record for each animal. The claimant must provide any information necessary to complete the form. The test record must include the type of test and the test results for

each animal. It must also include the individual identification of each tested animal. Any unique, individually numbered identification is acceptable. The animal's owner and the appropriate State veterinarian's office will each receive a copy of the test record.

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**§ 51.27 Identification of goats, sheep, and horses to be destroyed.**

The claimant must ensure that any goats, sheep, and horses for which indemnity is claimed are marked with unique, individually numbered identification showing they are to be destroyed. This must be done within 15 days after the animals are condemned. The Veterinarian in Charge may extend the time limit to 30 days when the Veterinarian in Charge receives a request for extension prior to the expiration date of the original 15-day period, and when the Veterinarian in Charge determines that the extension will not adversely affect the brucellosis eradication program. However, the Administrator may extend the time limit beyond 30 days when unusual or unforeseen circumstances occur that prevent or hinder the identification of the animal within 30 days, such as, but not limited to, floods, storms, or other Acts of God, which are beyond the control of the owner, or when identification is delayed due to requirements of another Federal agency.

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**§ 51.28 Moving goats, sheep, and horses to be destroyed.**

Goats, sheep, and horses to be destroyed because of brucellosis must be accompanied by a permit and either:

- (a) Accompanied directly to slaughter by an APHIS or State representative; or
- (b) Moved in vehicles closed with official seals applied and removed by an APHIS representative, State representative, accredited veterinarian, or an individual authorized for this purpose by an APHIS representative. The official