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Update from Virology Section

New test offerings: screening tests for Bovine Leukosis virus & Bluetongue virus in cattle

- WVDL is offering a bundled test option for BLV and BTV ELISA (\$9 in-state/\$13.50 out-of-state) using USDA-approved kits. Confirmatory testing will not be performed and the result option of "retest required" will not be used. These screening assays are appropriate for movement of animals.
- Submitters can request either screen test individually or both tests as a panel.
- To request these screening tests select the BLV/BTV Screen choice on the submission form. (Updated submissions forms are available on the WVDL website; <u>www.wvdl.wisc.edu</u>). If your submission contains more than 200 samples, please notify the Virology section before submission (608-262-5432).
- BLV and BTV screening assays will be performed daily. Results will be reported the next day. Contact the virology section if same day result reporting is required .
- As a convenience to submitters, the WVDL offers the option of submission by Excel spread sheet. Electronic submission saves time for submitters and for the Laboratory and also minimizes data entry errors. Directions are available on our website under Electronic Submission of Accession Details: <u>http://www.wvdl.wisc.edu/SubmissionGuidelines.asp</u>

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact the Virology Section.