



## **Iowa's Rules Governing Johne's Disease**

By the Code of Iowa, Johne's is a **reportable disease** (not quarantineable). It is the veterinarian's responsibility to report positive Johne's cases to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). A **positive official test** is considered to be an organism-based detection test, like a **fecal** culture or PCR, which confirms the animal is infected.

By Iowa law and federal statutes, a positive/infected animal must be:

1. Confined to the premise it was found until moved for slaughter only.
2. Identified permanently by application of C-punch in the right ear.
3. Sent to slaughter or consigned to a state-federal approved auction market for slaughter only and accompanied by an owner-shipper statement delivered to the consignee.

By Iowa law and federal statutes, a producer may use **Johne's vaccine** if:

1. Herd history of a positive organism-based test (fecal or PCR).
2. Premise ID required for use of vaccine.
3. Conduct a whole herd tuberculin test of all 2 yr. & older animals by intradermal caudal fold test prior to signing the agreement for vaccination.
4. Vaccination Agreement signed and authorized by State Veterinarian.
5. Purchased replacement stock must be tuberculin-test negative before introduction into the herd.
6. Move no cattle from a vaccinated herd without a vaccination statement and official ID/vaccination tattoo on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
7. Administer vaccine when the calf is from 1 to 35 days of age.
8. Identify vaccinated calves by official ear tag, tattoo, or registry number and further identify the vaccinated calf with a tattoo in the left ear which includes 1,2,3 or 4 for the respective quarter of the year when vaccinated followed by the letter "J" for Johne's, followed by a number (0-9) representing the year when vaccinated.
9. File and submit a report to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) within 15 days after the date of vaccination. This report is to include the sex, birth date, and official individual identification and include identification of the dam.
10. Herd has a current Risk Assessment and herd management plan, which is performed annually (10-14 month intervals).

**Johne's Risk Assessments and additional information on Johne's Disease can be obtained from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship by contacting:**

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