

**Recommendations of the
MFB Livestock and Poultry
Commodity Advisory Committee**

From the July 21, 2021 meeting

Recommendation No.1 Bovine Tuberculosis Testing Requirements

The committee recommends adding the following language to MFB Policy #35, TB-*Mycobacterium Bovis Tuberculosis*, with new bullets beginning after line 92, under We support:

- *A more aggressive approach by DNR to meeting the requirements of deer head collection, identification, transportation and testing in the MOU*
- *A plan and coordinated effort between DNR, processors, MSU Vet Diagnostic Lab, Farm Bureau and the hunting community in deer head collection by September 1 of each year.*
- *A weekly update and reporting of completed deer head testing beginning September 1 of each year.*
- *A per head payment for each deer head turned in until the requirements of the MOU are met, paid by the DNR*
- *A penalty be established for state and federal agencies that do not meet their requirements as spelled out in the MOU*
- *A reduction and possible elimination of cattle testing in the buffer counties at the end of the current MOU*

For Policy Development

Recommendation No.2 Wildlife Management

The committee recommends adding new bullet points MFB Policy #90, Wildlife Management, beginning after line 49 that reads, under We support:

- *An accurate annual assessment by the DNR of the current white-tailed deer population in Michigan and a plan to meet the desired population level.*
- *An incentive based program, including financial options, to reduce the state deer population*
- *Lowering the cost of hunting license; current fees have discouraged hunters from purchasing tags*

For Policy Development

Recommendation No.3 Manure Management

The committee recommends adding new bullet points to MFB Policy #75, Environmental Protection and Authority, on line 86, under We support:

- *Allowing the application of animal nutrients to non-frozen, non-snow covered ground any time during the year, regardless of type or size of farm operation; in the event that winter application is eliminated.*
- *The ability for farmers to continue to use both broadcast and injectable forms of animal nutrient application*

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