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# SALE of CATTLE

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THE SALE OF CATTLE in Michigan is governed by Sec. 21a of Act 181, P.A. of 1919 as amended. Native cattle of the state are classed into three classifications for sale purposes:

1. Dairy and breeding cattle
2. Feeder and grazing cattle
3. Slaughter cattle

## DAIRY AND BREEDING CATTLE

Dairy and breeding cattle offered for sale in Michigan must:

1. Originate from herds NOT under quarantine.
2. Be accompanied by M.D.A. Form 275 indicating health status of the animal.

Responsibility for furnishing the certificate of record (Form 275) rests with the seller. Certificates are issued upon request by providing evidence of brucellosis test reports and/or vaccination records and test reports for tuberculosis.

### Form 275 — Sample

LDC-275 Form 28 No. _____	MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL DIVISION LANSING 13, MICHIGAN	Form 22 No. _____
THIS CERTIFICATE VOID AFTER _____	<input type="checkbox"/> For sale and/or exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR EXHIBITION ONLY
Name of owner _____	Address of owner _____	
This certificate is a record of the Brucellosis and/or Tuberculosis status of animal _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Passed an official blood test for Brucellosis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed a negative Tuberculosis test within 90 days.	Identification _____ Sex _____ Age _____ Breed _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Official Calfhood Vaccine under 30 mo. of age.	<input type="checkbox"/> Originated from a Tuberculosis-free Accredited herd.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Originated from a Certified Brucellosis-free herd.	<input type="checkbox"/> Originated from a herd not under quarantine of which all members over 6 months of age were negative to a Tuberculosis test within 12 months of the date of sale.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Originated from a herd not under quarantine in a modified certified Brucellosis free area, with a negative herd test within the year.		
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Certificates may be obtained from the Livestock Disease Control Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture, Lewis Cass Building, Lansing

### Tuberculosis Requirements

These apply only to cattle offered for sale for dairy or breeding purposes. All such animals must originate from herds not under quarantine. To meet health requirements the animals must:

1. Have passed a negative tuberculosis test within 90 days of date of sale, or
2. Originate from a tuberculosis-free, accredited herd, or

3. Originate from a herd in which all animals over 2 years of age were negative to a tuberculin test within one year of date of sale.

### Brucellosis Requirements

These apply to all cattle over 12 months of age offered for sale or to be in contact with cattle of another owner. The requirements of the law may be met by ONE of the conditions listed on the reverse side.

A. Negative brucellosis blood test of the animal within 90 days of date of sale or movement and originate from a herd not under quarantine.

B. Official brucellosis vaccinated animals, vaccinated between 4 through 8 months of age with an approved vaccine by an accredited veterinarian. The animal must be permanently identified by a vaccination tattoo recorded by the Department of Agriculture. Vaccinates must be under 30 months of age on date of sale and originate in herds not under quarantine.

C. Cattle originating from certified, brucellosis-free herds.

D. Cattle originating from a herd not under quarantine in officially modified, certified brucellosis counties. All animals in the herd over one year of age were negative to a brucellosis test within one year of date of sale.

E. Except that feeder cattle under 18 months of age may be sold on a permit from the Director and in a manner prescribed by the Director.

### Compulsory Vaccination

All female cattle born after January 1, 1963 must be vaccinated for brucellosis between 4 thru 8 months of age to be eligible for sale as dairy or breeding cattle.

## FEEDER AND GRAZING CATTLE

### Cattle Under 12 Months of Age

Native Michigan feeder and grazing cattle under 12 months of age may be moved or sold without restriction provided they originate from herds not under quarantine. No test requirements must be met and no certificates or record are necessary to accompany such

### Lost Identification Tags

Vaccination status on animals which have lost tags may be re-established by:

1. Having an accredited veterinarian observe the vaccination tattoo and record the number on Livestock Disease Control Division Form 28-A along with the new identification tag number placed in the animal's ear.

2. Submitting Form 28-A to the Livestock Disease Control Division with the notation, "to re-establish vaccination status" and the signature of the veterinarian.

3. Recording the new identification number on the back of the owner's original vaccination certificate with the signature of the veterinarian.

When the certificate signed by the veterinarian is forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, it is recorded and the animal is considered a vaccinate under the new identification number.

animals. The purchaser should be given an invoice describing animals at time of sale.

### Cattle 12 to 18 Months of Age

Native feeding cattle over one year of age but under 18 months of age may be sold on a feeder permit from the Director of Agriculture.

## SLAUGHTER CATTLE

Certificates of Record (Form 275) required by the law do not apply to steers, spayed heifers, cattle under 12 months of age or cattle disposed of for slaughter.

Cattle disposed of for slaughter shall be accompanied by a bill of sale, invoice, or sales slip showing

(1.) date of sale (2) identification, ear tag or tattoo and sold or moved.

(a.) Direct to a slaughtering establishment for slaughter within 5 days or

(b.) to a livestock auction, or  
(c.) to a terminal market

Under b or c above cattle shall be moved to a slaughtering establishment for slaughter within 10 days.

Cattle over 18 months of age may not be returned to farms from a livestock auction, but may be removed only for slaughter, unless they were accompanied to the sale with valid Certificate of Record (Form 275) and consigned to be sold as dairy or breeding cattle.