

Illinois Department of Agriculture Animal Disease Laboratory

Laboratory Notes

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Meet the Staff

Lynn Burton has worked at the laboratory for 23 years. Most of that time has been in the histotechnology laboratory, where she makes microscope slides for the pathologists to study. She has also worked in the virology laboratory and still does rabies testing when required. Lynn lived in Galesburg all her life except for a time when she lived in Champaign getting a degree in Animal Science at the University of Illinois. Lynn has been married to her husband Dwayne for 23 years and has three sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren. Lynn enjoys crocheting, scrapbooking, and gardening, and spends hours working with individuals from her church. She really likes helping others. She has two dogs.



Serology

- As you may already be aware, there is no longer a requirement to test Illinois cattle and swine for brucellosis for exhibition within the state. Pseudorabies serology is still required for Illinois swine to be exhibited in Illinois. Out of state requirements vary, so be sure you understand the regulations of the state(s) in which the animals will be shown.
- Equine infectious anemia (EIA) forms (VS FORM 10-

11) are official federal documents and are required to be filled out completely and accurately. Most of the inaccuracies and instances of incompleteness are associated with the description of the animal. The drawing and description must match. The USDA requires us to hold the serum and return incomplete or inaccurate forms to the veterinarian for completion/ correction.

- Serology for leptospirosis has been discontinued at the laboratory. We get only 100 or so requests for leptospiral serology each year and can no longer justify the very high cost of doing the test.

Forms on Website

If you haven't visited the updated IDOA website lately, please do so. The Department of Agriculture website has been overhauled and updated with lots of helpful information. Our webpage, found under the "Animals" section of the website, has also been revised. The form for serology submissions, commodity requests, and our standard laboratory submission form are all present on our webpage in fillable formats. Also on the website is our Animal Disease Laboratory Tests and Fees schedule which will give you an idea of turn-around time, sample(s) to submit, and cost per test. Go to <http://www.agr.state.il.us/laboratory-services/> Remember that numbered

commodity items (tags or certificates) and tuberculin must be assigned to an individual licensed accredited veterinarian rather than just to a practice.

Shipping Charges

Shipping charges for supplies (tags, certificates of veterinary inspection, EIA forms, etc.) and samples forwarded to other laboratories will increase to \$13.00 per package on April 1, 2015.

Animal AIN (840) ID tags

The laboratory stocks official clamp-on tags for veterinarians: large animal ID tags, swine ID tags, and brucellosis ID tags. We do not stock official USDA Animal ID Number (AIN, 840) tags, either plain or RFID. These tags must be purchased directly from tag manufacturers or distributors. There is a list of these companies/distributors on the USDA APHIS website at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf.

A premise ID number is required to purchase AIN tags.

Fair time

Thanks to all for your understanding during fair time. We handled an average of 2,200 serology tests per week during June and July, part of that time with only one person working in serology and 1-2 people doing the reporting. Fair season serology testing is always a stressful time at the laboratory and those who submitted samples in a timely manner are greatly appreciated.