

*Trich Test
bulls
YEARLY!*

Bull Management

- Use young fertile bulls as replacements.
- Check all of the herd bulls yearly!
- Older bulls are more likely to carry the Trichomoniasis organism.
- Bulls spread the disease at breeding—test before turn-out.
- There is no legal treatment so prevention is the best policy.
- Testing involves a PCR test at an approved laboratory
- Bulls that are infected must only go to slaughter.
- Every herd is unique—plan your bull management with a veterinarian!!!



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Prevention and Control of Trichomoniasis in Colorado



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Cow Management

Pregnancy check cows YEARLY!

- Sell all late & open cows to slaughter.
- Trich in a herd

causes an increased number of open and late cows as well as a reduced calf crop.

Don't buy open cows!

- Infected herds may show delayed breeding, abortions, and stillbirths.
- Infected cows can clear the infection but some still carry the organism.
- Buy cows only from herds that are Trich tested or only buy cows over 120 days pregnant.

Adhere to a calving interval!



Trich is the "silent rustler" of cattle—Trich will "steal" calves from your herd and your profits!

Colorado Trich Rules & Regulations



"Trich" is a costly, yet a preventable infection!

- Bulls commingling in grazing associations or on public land must be tested prior to turn-out.
- All bulls 18 months of age or older sold at auction markets must only go to slaughter unless they are Trich tested.



Data shows that as testing for Trich increases, prevalence decreases!

Do not buy bulls culled from other herds—unless they are Trich tested!

- All bulls changing ownership or possession must be tested for Trich unless the animal is going to slaughter.
- A negative *T. foetus* test will be required for import or change of ownership within Colorado for all bulls 18 months of age and older.
- Bulls shall not be exposed to cows at a new premises until the results of the *T. foetus* test are known.
- Official Trich test is either individual PCR or pooled PCR test.

"Testing and monitoring herds for trichomoniasis is the best method of controlling this infection," said State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr.