287.717b.added Surveillance testing program; status designation; movement restriction.

Sec. 17b. (1) The director may order surveillance testing of animals for a specific reportable animal disease in this state with a defined dimension as determined by the director. The director may also order surveillance testing of animals for either of the following purposes:

   (a) To accomplish surveillance necessary for this state to be in compliance with rules and regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of Agriculture under any act of Congress providing for the prevention, control, or eradication of a reportable animal disease.

   (b) To complete epidemiologic investigations for a specific reportable animal disease, or in any instance where a reportable animal disease is suspected.

   (2) The director may establish a surveillance testing program for the intrastate movement of animals.

   (3) The director may designate the status of certain herds, flocks, or aquaculture lots as certified, accredited, validated, qualified, monitored, clean, or free of a specific disease when the herd, flock, or aquaculture lot has met the director's requirements for that status.

   (4) Livestock in a herd, flock, or aquaculture lot that is undergoing an official test shall not be removed from the premises until the test results from the herd, flock, or aquaculture lot are available, except as permitted by the director.