

**164.21 Indemnification of owner — determination of amount.**

The owner of a bovine animal shall be indemnified for the bovine animal as provided in this section. The department shall certify the claim of the owner for the bovine animal slaughtered in accordance with this chapter. An infected bovine animal herd may be completely depopulated and indemnity paid when, in the opinion of the department and the veterinary service of the United States department of agriculture, the disease cannot be adequately controlled by routine testing.

The owner shall be indemnified to the extent that money is available in the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund as created in section 165.18 and indemnification is also made by the United States department of agriculture. However, if the United States department of agriculture is unable to indemnify the owner, the department may indemnify the owner, if money is available.

In the case of individual payment, all cattle shall be individually appraised and the amount of indemnity shall be equal to the difference between the slaughter value and the appraisal price, less the amount of indemnity paid by the United States department of agriculture. Bison shall be appraised as if the bison are beef cattle. The total amount of indemnity paid by the brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund for a grade animal or a purebred animal shall not exceed two hundred dollars. However, if purebred cattle are purchased and owned for at least one year before testing and the owner can verify the actual cost, the department may further indemnify the owner. The amount of the indemnification shall not exceed five hundred fifty dollars or the actual cost of the animal when purchased, whichever is less.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §164.19; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §164.21]

83 Acts, ch 123, §73, 209; 86 Acts, ch 1036, §9; 97 Acts, ch 124, §21

Referred to in §165.18