

**5. “MONITORED” MV FLOCK STATUS**

- a. The purpose of “Monitored” status is to allow large flocks access to the OMVFSP at a minimum cost. It is of most use to the following flocks:
  - i. Large flocks that believe that there is no MV-v infection present and wish to have an MV status for advertising purposes (e.g. selling of breeding stock).
  - ii. Large commercial flocks that wish to discover the status of the flock to ensure that MV is not a cause of production loss. If a “monitored” status is achieved, the producer may wish to maintain the status by testing any new additions.
- b. No biosecurity or animal movement restrictions apply to “Monitored” flocks.
- c. Testing protocols are as outlined in Section 3.
- d. The protocol to randomly select animals for testing is outlined in Section 3-o and Appendix 8.
- e. In the event of a negative flock test, the flock will be awarded a "Monitored" status for a time period not exceeding 365 days from the date of the test.
  - i. The random flock test must be repeated annually (365 to 396 days) to maintain “Monitored” status.
  - ii. Failure to do so will result in loss of status.
- f. A flock with a positive flock test has no status.

**6. “MONITORED - LOW RISK” FLOCK STATUS**

- a. Some flocks may wish to eventually achieve “Monitored - Low Risk” status. This requires the following:
  - i. The flock meets all biosecurity requirements of “Enrolled” and “B” status flocks as outlined in Section 3 and summarized in Appendix 6.
  - ii. Random flock sampling and testing will be performed as outlined in Section 3-o.
  - iii. If the above are performed for a minimum of two years, i.e. three consecutive annual “Monitored” flock tests and each test is negative, the flock will be awarded “Monitored - Low Risk” status after the third flock test.
  - iv. “Monitored - Low Risk” status is valid for 365 days from the date of the last test.
  - v. This status implies that the flock is at low risk of being infected with MV-v but “A” status and “Monitored - Low Risk” status are not equivalent in risk.
  - vi. Sheep may not transfer from an “Monitored - Low Risk” flock to an “A” flock without testing and isolation as per Section 3.

**7. Moving From the “MONITORED” or “MONITORED-LOW RISK” program to the “WHOLE FLOCK” program.**

- a. For flocks with “Monitored” status, at any time the producer may opt to join the MV Flock Status “Whole Flock” program but must start at Section 4-a - Initial Qualifying Test at which time all rules will apply.
- b. Flocks with “Monitored - Low Risk” status may opt to enter the “Whole Flock” program at any time. If the initial qualifying test is negative, then the flock will be awarded “B” status rather than “Enrolled”. If the flock test is positive, then after the positive sheep are removed, the flock will be awarded “Enrolled” status.