

## Events Important to Cow War, 1931

| Year      | Event  |
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| 1917      | Tuberculosis Eradication Division - Tuberculosis Eradication Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry created. By 1940, testing resulted in the destruction of 3.8 million cattle.  |
| 1929      | Mandatory testing - Iowa Legislature passes compulsory testing of cows for tuberculosis.   |
| 1930      | The Iowa Supreme Court upholds the legality of the 1929 compulsory testing law. Des Moines, IA   |
| 1931      | Veterinarian driven off William Hogan's farm. Cedar County.  |
| 3/8/1931  | 1,000 farmers confronted the state veterinarians and 20 sheriffs sent to test herds on William C. Butterbrodt's farm. Clarence, IA   |
| 1931      | Cattle testing accomplished with help of machine gun outposts set up at crossroads and 22 veterinary teams escorted by national guardsmen. Cedar County.   |
| 3/19/1931 | Capitol protest - "estimated 1500 farmers converged on the Legislature in Des Moines" Des Moines, IA   |
| 4/10/1931 | IA Assistant Attorney General Oral Swift was pushed into a barbed wire fence and veterinarian Peter Malcolm was thrown off E.C. Mitchell's farm by 75 protestors when he came to read the results of the TB test that he had administered three days prior. One cow was found to have TB. Rochester Township   |
| 4/13/1931 | E. C. Mitchell's cows successfully tested on condition that Governor Turner would meet with the protestors. Rochester Township   |
| 8/20/1931 | Veterinarian attacked - "violence erupted August 20 when Arthur Fogg and his wife and daughters splattered veterinarian A.H. Joehnke with eggs, water and 'contents of chamber pots.' " West Liberty, IA   |
| 9/21/1931 | 63 state agents and police officers, and two veterinarians try to test cows at the Lenker farm and are blocked by over 400 farmers. Farmers used clubs, rocks, rotten eggs, slashed tires, and filled car radiator with mud. Veterinarian Peter Malcolm had his briefcase, suitcase, and hat stolen. Tear gas was used on the crowd. Wilton Junction, Cedar County, IA |
| 9/22/1931 | 1800 National Guard soldiers arrive to enforce testing using threat of machine guns and bayonets. Camp was set up at the Tipton fairgrounds. Cedar County, IA  |
| 9/24/1931 | Malcolm and five other veterinarians arrive, accompanied by National Guard, to test Lenker's cattle, but Lenker says he sold them. Since he could not produce a bill of sale Lenker was arrested by Guard. Wilton Junction, Cedar County, IA.  |
| 9/25/1931 | Lenker jailed at the Men's Reformatory. He posted \$10,000 bail the next day. Anamosa, IA.   |