

USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services District 5  
Accredited Veterinarian Newsletter  
Fall – Winter Edition 2017

Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North & South Dakotas,  
Nebraska, Kansas

You know "a good thing when you see it." Seems everyone is USING this email, its links & its contact information! We are here to assist our Accredited Veterinarians.

YOU are the USA's FIRST LINE of Defenders against Foreign Animal Disease incursions & Domestic Livestock problems, and provide a critical eye for the health of animals, great and small, traveling to other countries. WE THANK YOU!

**NATIONAL NEWS: CDC issued an Outbreak Advisory October 30, 2017:**

Multistate Outbreak of Multidrug-Resistant *Campylobacter* Infections Linked to Contact with **Pet Store Puppies** (67 Cases 15 States 17 Hospitalizations 0 Deaths) Click the links for further information: Read [Advice to Pet Owners](#) and [Advice to Pet Store Workers](#). Read [Advice to Clinicians](#) and [Advice to Veterinarians](#).

The holidays are right around the corner, be prepared for increased pet travel during this season! USE the Pet Travel website and all the information it has to offer

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>



## 4-H and Sheep & Goat Customers

### SCRAPIE TAG ORDERS

As of October 1, 2017



Due to budget constraints, APHIS no longer provides plastic tags or applicators.

**Metal tags are still being provided at no cost but client must purchase the tagger from National Band and Tag Company by calling (859) 261-2035. They will need to specify they need the 505S applicator.**

Otherwise, Official plastic tags can be purchased from:

**AllFlex USA, Inc.** Phone: (972) 456-3686 website: <http://www.allflexusa.com>  
Contact: Bridges Brown E-mail: [bbrown@allflexusa.com](mailto:bbrown@allflexusa.com)

**Premier Sheep Supplies, Ltd.** Phone: (800) 282-6631 website: <http://www.premiersupplies.com/>  
Contact: Ms. Stephanie Sexton E-mail: [ssexton@premier1supplies.com](mailto:ssexton@premier1supplies.com)

Shearwell Data Animal Identification and Management Systems Phone: (530) 743-9045  
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## WHO DOESN'T LOVE DOUBLE DIPS?!?

### Working on your education modules?

Here's what you need to know, at the end:

- AAST Module Certification:** Will only create a certificate of completion that will apply to your Federal Accreditation Renewal.
- RACE CE CREDIT:** Will NOT get you credit for completion as AAST and WILL require passing a test by 80% to get RACE credit.
- BOTH:** Our favorite option! If your State accepts RACE for credit, this option will create the record in the Federal side AND be in the RACE database.

Congratulations!

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Congratulations on your completion of this training module!

Choose One:



AAST Module Certificate

For Accredited Veterinarians seeking renewal



RACE CE Credit

For anyone seeking no-cost RACE approved CE credit



Both

For Accredited Veterinarians seeking renewal AND no-cost RACE approved CE credit

CHECK WITH YOUR STATE'S LICENSING BOARD TO SEE IF THEY ACCEPT RACE

*Some States will simply accept a copy of an AAST Module Certificate to get credit towards the CE required to renew your actual Veterinary License.*

**Sounds silly but....** Descriptions & Markings of horses have to match the actual horse, the EIA chart *and* the International Export certificate. Be consistent, what you SEE is what you write...



Follow the link to our NEW website page for Equine Imports and Exports!

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/importexport/animal-import-and-export/equine>



### New ID Requirements for Breeding Cattle to Canada

**Effective for breeding cattle shipments arriving at the Canadian border on or after February 1, 2018**, cattle must be identified with an "840" Radio Frequency tag, and a tattoo. A tattoo must be in the right ear and show the letters "USA" at a minimum of 1 cm in height, or in the case of a female animal, it may be the official United States calfhood vaccination tattoo that includes the US registered shield and "V". **The option of the official USDA metal tag or "silver brite" tag will no longer be accepted for exports of breeding cattle to Canada.** Certificates for breeding cattle to Canada will be updated on the APHIS website and in VEHCS. Make sure that the most current version of the export health certificate is being utilized for cattle exports to Canada. CFIA will put notification of identification requirements on all import permits. "Breeding cattle" includes animals imported for breeding purposes as well as for show or exhibition.

**Reminder: Testing options for brucellosis changed as of September 1, 2017 for exported cattle. They must be tested with FPA test, Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen (BAPA) test, or the Competitive Elisa (cElisa) test. The Standard Tube Test (STT) and Standard Plate Test (SPT) are no longer accepted by CFIA at the border. Certificates for breeding cattle to Canada (IREGS and VEHCS) have been updated accordingly.** All Export articles contributed by Dr. Kim Kirkham NIES District 5 Service Center Director

#### SUMMARY OF BRUCELLOSIS EXPORT TESTING ACCEPTED BY CFIA AT THE BORDER FOR BREEDING CATTLE

September 1st, 2017 and after

- Fluorescence Polarization Assay (FPA)
- Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen (BAPA)
- Competitive ELISA (cELISA)

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*Thanks for all the positive feedback! We have some great news again, you don't have to be active in District 5 to enjoy the information! Share this newsletter with your AHTs & Office staff because they will love it too! Live Links, Contact numbers and helpful information on one sheet!*

**AHTs and the public can now access and get CE credit certificates for reading AAST!**



Modules 1, 4 and 7 are LIVE NOW and provide no-cost RACE approved CE Credit certificates for your AHTs and staff. The remainder of our Modules should be available by September 30, 2017!

*NVAP is always working to serve you BETTER!*

*RACE is a program provided by the AAVSB. The RACE program develops & applies uniform standards related to providers and programs of continuing*

*education (CE) in veterinary medicine. All RACE-approved providers and programs are listed on the website. <https://www.aavsb.org/dlr> AAVSB stands for the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The not-for-profit AAVSB membership is comprised of 61 International veterinary licensing boards. They regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in their jurisdictions in order to protect the welfare of the public. <https://www.aavsb.org/HelpfulLinks/>*

**DISTRICT 5 Upcoming AAST Education Module Lecture Opportunities:**

**Southeast Kansas KVMA Meeting July 19, 2017 Cherryvale, KS**

**Central Veterinary Conference August 28, 2017 Kansas City, MO**

**Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association (NVMA) January 26, 2018 Omaha, NE**

**CORE ORIENTATION AND STATE SPECIFIC TRAININGS:**

**July 20, 2017 Nebraska CALL FOR INFORMATION and DIRECTIONS 402-434-2302**

**Core from 1 – 2:30 pm State-Specific 2:30 to 3:30 @ 5940 S 58<sup>th</sup> St: Lincoln, NE 68516**

**DUE FOR RENEWAL AGAIN? WHERE DID THOSE 3 YEARS GO?!**

**CLICK HERE TO CHECK YOUR DUE DATE (need your Name & NAN)**

**[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct\\_areavet](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_areavet)**

**WYOMING: TIPS & TRICKS TO FILL OUT YOUR VS 1-36A**

*Doing the Modules is not the end of the process; you need to submit a form to verify you want to continue your Authorization status (either electronically or physically).*

Here's Amy's helpful tips:

Tips and Tricks for filling out your 1-36A form for physical submission:

- Please make sure that the necessary boxes are marked.
- Your name and contact information should be easy to read.
- Any name, address, and/or business changes should be made. \* Any time there is a name address or business change please complete a 1-36A form and send it to your local NVAP coordinator so your contact information will be current\*.
- When completing a 1-36A accreditation renewal, list the module number, how completed (online, lecture, paper), and the completion date –mm/dd/yyyy.
- Renewal form 1-36A can be accepted 6 months prior to your renewal date.
- You *do not need* to send in your module completion certificates. Contributed by Amy Simms WY

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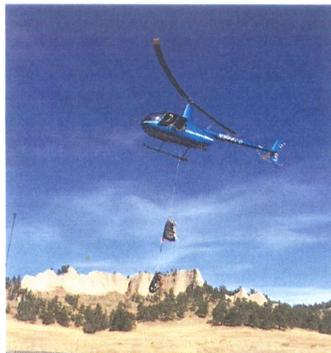
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## WHEN SHEEP FLY....

**NEBRASKA:** In the March 2012 News for Stakeholders, Hallie Zimmers, Stakeholder Liaison, APHIS wrote an article that began:

**“APHIS Veterinarians Play Critical Role in Bighorn Sheep Relocation Project”** “In February, two APHIS veterinarians from Nebraska—Drs. Gary Stevens and Bill Stump—partnered with colleagues from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) and Canada’s Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations, as well as many other hardy and skilled volunteers, to move 41 wild bighorn sheep from the Canadian Rockies in Alberta to northwest Nebraska. This was the latest in a **multi-year effort** aimed at reestablishing healthy populations of free-ranging bighorn sheep in the State.” *Photo courtesy of Dr. Gary Stevens EPI NE*



**Five years later, click here for news on the project!**

<http://magazine.outdoornebraska.gov/2017/02/bighorn-sheep-tracking-effort-sets-sights-future-lambs/> *Contributed by Dr. Bill Stump VMO NE*

**DID YOU KNOW... a powdered glove ban took effect January 18, 2017? Federal health officials have banned powdered gloves & absorbable powders for lubricating surgery or examinations gloves for both human and veterinary medicine.** *Contributed by Dr. Cindy Gaborick, ID AD*

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## PET EXPORT



The new **Pet Travel website** is available to the public. The site contains valuable information on pet export as well as **fillable certificates** for most countries. Please check the website **each time** a small animal international export certificate is required. This will ensure the correct certificate is used as they are frequently updated.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/pet-travel>

## Recent changes to Equine Semen to Canada And Horses to Mexico Health Certificates

### Equine semen to Canada

The health certificate for frozen and fresh equine semen to Canada has been recently updated to include a new statement, *“The donor animal(s), from which the germplasm for export to Canada was sourced, have been examined and found to be healthy and free from any clinical evidence of communicable or infectious disease and, as far as can be determined, exposure thereto, during every procedure related to the collection of the germplasm.”*

The new health certificate for equine semen to Canada is posted on the APHIS IRegs for Animals Export page;

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/iregs-for-animal-exports/ct\\_iregs\\_animal\\_exports\\_home](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/iregs-for-animal-exports/ct_iregs_animal_exports_home). The certificate available on the Veterinary Electronic Health Certificate System (VEHCS) has been updated as well. The new certificate should be used for any shipments of equine semen to Canada from the United States.

### Horses to Mexico

The health certificate for horses to Mexico for reproduction/sport/exhibition/work/transit and the health certificate for Horses to Mexico for Slaughter have been reformatted and are available on IREGS. **The new certificates must be used for any horses arriving in Mexico after June 23, 2017.** *All Export articles contributed by Dr. Kim Kirkham NIES District 5 Service Center Director*

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*Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to all our Accredited Veterinarians!*

*Thank you all for the terrific response to our newsletter! REMEMBER to keep your email information up to date so you get your RENEWAL REQUIREMENT notices and our newsletter on a timely basis!*

**PRINT SOME FREEBIES FROM THESE WEB LINKS FOR YOUR NEXT  
VETERINARY MEETING OR FOR YOUR LOCAL 4 H GROUPS!**

APHIS and ISU developed the posters with contributions from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, the National Cattleman's Beef Association, and the National Milk Producers Federation.

**This one has GREAT FULL COLOR clinical sign photos that fold into a pocket guide!**

**FMD Cattle Link:**

<http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/pdf/foot-and-mouth-disease-pocket-guide-cattle>



Image credit: Rajeev Ranjan, Project Directorate on FMD, Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

These teat lesions from cattle in India are estimated at 3-7 days following exposure.

Multifocal erosions/ulcerations on two teats covered with crust material.

Severe erosions/ulcerations on two teats covered with crust material.

**APHIS biosecurity posters are available for downloading at:**

[http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Infection Control/Species/cattle.php](http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/Infection%20Control/Species/cattle.php)

*The dairy poster has added information on foot-and-mouth disease.*

**It is also available on the Secure Milk Supply website at:**

<http://securemilksupply.org/training-materials.php>

*The posters describe ways to prevent disease introduction and spread by illustrating protocols to follow during daily farm activities. They are available in both English and Spanish. Contributed by Dr. Cindy Gaborick, ID AD*



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### Changes to Brucellosis testing options for breeding cattle to Canada

The fluorescence polarization assay (FPA) test has recently been approved by Canadian officials as an option for Brucellosis testing. Other test options continue to include the standard tube test (STT) or standard plate test (SPT) with negative reading at a 1:50 dilution.

### Veterinary Electronic Health Certificate System (VEHCS)

The VEHCS system offers accredited veterinarians the option of submitting many export certificates to the NIES office electronically. This system allows the accredited veterinarian to complete the certificate online and submit it to VS electronically. We are then able to access it from any USDA, VS, NIES office, endorse it and mail it back to the accredited veterinarian or the client, saving the transit time from your location to the federal office. Advantages to using the system are:

*If there is a mistake on the certificate, we can return it to the accredited veterinarian (electronically), who can open, edit and resubmit the certificate in a timely manner.*

- Certificates can be saved as templates for future use.
- Ability to attach scanned copies of the test results, return labels, import permits, etc.
- Endorsement fees can be paid online.
- Certificates for cattle going to Canada through the ports of Couatts AB (Sweetgrass, MT), Kingsgate BC (Eastport, ID), Osoyous BC (Oroville, WA), and Huntingdon BC (Sumas, WA) may also be federally endorsed electronically. We anticipate expansion of the electronic endorsement in the future.

*To get started, contact your NIES service office or go to:*

<https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/faces/signIn.jsf>

and click on: "New to this site? Click Here"

### National News: New World Screwworm

On October 3, 2016 USDA announced the confirmation of New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) in Key deer from National Key Deer Refuge in Big Pine Key, Florida. New World screwworm had been eradicated from the United States more than three decades ago.

New World screwworm disease is an infestation with the larvae of the New World screwworm fly (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) that lives off the flesh of living mammals and, less commonly, birds. The eradication strategy consists of the following elements: Sterile Fly Release, Screwworm Fly Surveillance, Animal Health Checkpoint, Animal Reports & Response, and Key Deer Monitoring & Response.

Visit the [FWS Key deer refuge screwworm response update page](#) for this information.



Treatment of infected Swine ear. Accredited Veterinarians are our first line of defense in the diagnosis and treatment of animal diseases. Report any unusual finds to your local Federal & State Offices.



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We created this informative newsletter to keep you abreast of developments in our Seven State Area. The landscape is as diverse as the Practices and Veterinarians in our District. We hope you will find our newsletter interesting, helpful, and enjoyable.



## Wyoming

The District 5 Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) Team, Drs. Frey and Clarke, work in cooperation with the livestock/wildlife agencies of the three GYA States (ID, MT, WY) on Brucellosis surveillance, control, and eradication in wild elk, wild bison and cattle. GYA personnel engage in a variety of activities including Bison testing/surveillance, hazing, and slaughter planning. The D5 GYA provides technical training to other Agency personnel, Tribal Outreach, and research.

One principal project is the GonaCon™ study. On three pieces of leased property, just North of Yellowstone National Park, ~ 100 adult bison are kept to be used in the investigation of GonaCon™, an immunocontraceptive vaccine that results in temporary infertility in treated animals.

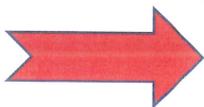
The three major objectives: 1) Evaluate the efficacy of GonaCon™ as an immunocontraceptive vaccine in *Brucella abortus* (*B. abortus*)-infected female bison. 2) Evaluate the effect on shedding by *B. abortus*-infected female bison that are rendered temporarily infertile by GonaCon™. 3) Evaluate the effect that infertility produced by GonaCon™ has on the long-term survivability of *B. abortus* in infected female bison. The goal of the study is to prove the usefulness of temporarily sterilizing the most infectious bison females (2-5 year olds) in order to break the cycle of brucellosis transmission in the Yellowstone herd. Contributed by P. Ryan Clarke, DVM, MPH Regional Epidemiologist -GYA



APHIS-VS District 5 is an active partner in the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IMBP) This Court mediated collaborate agreement has two goals:

- 1) To conserve a wild, free-ranging bison population while
- 2) Concurrently protecting against transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle

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## SECOND ROUND of RENEWALS

We are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> round of  
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## NEBRASKA

In 2015, Nebraska had its largest outbreak of Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV) in over 25 years. VSV was diagnosed on 38 premises in 10 counties. Eleven of these cases were in cattle herds and 27 were on equine premises. All lab confirmed cases were for the New Jersey serotype. The first case of VSV was diagnosed in horses located in Scotts Bluff County on September 8, 2015. The last case was diagnosed in a cattle herd in Logan County on December 6, 2015.

Clinical signs commonly included ulcerative lesions of the muzzle, tongue, gingiva, and lips. Serous exudative lesions were often seen in the ears. On rare occasions, coronary band lesions were seen. *Contributed by Drs. Shelley Oelkers, Gary Stevens and photo by Dr. Bill Stump*



## IDAHO

**Export Information:** The Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) is up and running and includes certificates for horses, cattle, poultry, and swine to Canada. This system greatly streamlines the process for these certificates. Contact our VS office to get information on enrollment.

✓ *Make sure your accreditation is up to date* before you sign export health certificates. We are unable to endorse health certificates for many countries if you are not accredited or your accreditation is expired.

✓ Our office now covers exports for several states for live animals. This makes it more important for us to *schedule carefully* to meet the demand.

✓ Please *communicate with us* when you are working with a client planning to export so we can properly schedule time for endorsement of your clients' paperwork.

✓ Also remember that for "in person" endorsements, *we work by appointment*. Ask your clients to call us to make an appointment for their endorsement.

*Contributed by Dr. Cindy Gaborick, ID AD*

### Exciting Changes for Livestock Exports to Canada!

#### Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)

USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services continues to offer this electronic certification system for the export of cattle, horses, swine, and poultry to Canada using digital signature from the issuing accredited veterinarians. Just in time for the approaching bull sale season, digital federal endorsement is now available for cattle entering Canada through the following ports only:

1. Sweetgrass, MT/Coutts, AB
2. Eastport, ID/Kingsgate, BC
3. Sumas, WA/Abbotsford-Huntington, BC
4. Oroville, WA/Osoyoos, BC

Future expansion of this completely electronic process is anticipated for additional commodities and ports. Please contact USDA APHIS VS Service Center personnel to learn more! *Contributed by Dr. Kimberly Kirkham KS NIES Service Center Director*

### **National News:** Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Outbreak in U.S.

The 2014-2015 outbreak involved confirmed HPAI detections in 211 commercial flocks and 21 backyard flocks in 15 states, with the last detection on 6/17/2015.

This year's outbreak so far has been limited to Indiana and involves a different strain. On 1/15/2016, the USDA confirmed the presence of HPAI H7N8 in a commercial turkey flock in Dubois County, Indiana. These 10 premises and 2 contact premises (one commercial turkey and one egg layer) have been depopulated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the risk to people from these HPAI H7 infections to be low; but worked with USDA to monitor all personnel deployed to the incident.

All bird owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, need to continue practicing GOOD BIOSECURITY, preventing contact between their birds and wild birds, and reporting sick birds or unusual bird deaths to State/Federal officials, either through their Local Office or through USDA's toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

*Contributed by Dr. Cindy Gaborick, ID AD*

#### USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services National Import Export Services Service Center 5 Locations:

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**Nebraska** (providing *review services only* for live animal export for Nebraska. Endorsement will occur in the Kansas Office)

5940 South 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

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Hours of Operation: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

**Idaho** (primary service provider for live animal export for North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho)

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Hours of Operation: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM MDT

*International exports often require specific tests based upon the country of destination. Please ensure you verify the requirements in advance!*