News Release

For immediate release:

Vesicular Stomatitis Confirmed in New Mexico;
Texas Enhances Entry Requirements

Dr. David Fly, New Mexico state veterinarian, has notified the Texas Animal Health Commission that vesicular stomatitis has been laboratory-confirmed in a horse in De Baca County, New Mexico. The premises has been under quarantine since June 18, 2009. No other horses are exhibiting signs of the disease. At this time there are no other investigations.

(As you know, Texas has confirmed vesicular stomatitis in Starr County, and a number of states have imposed entry requirements or restrictions on Texas livestock. PLEASE call the state or country of destination prior to shipping livestock!)

Texas will enhance its entry requirements for livestock entering from New Mexico:

Excerpt from the Texas Administrative Code,
Chapter 51 Entry Requirements
Rule 51.7 All Livestock Special Requirements:

(d) Vesicular Stomatitis.
(1) No equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae may enter Texas from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis.
(2) Any equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae entering Texas from a state where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed within the last 30 days must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with the following statement written by the accredited veterinarian on the Certificate: "The animals represented on this health certificate have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis." (The accredited veterinarian also is to state that the animals have been examined and exhibit no clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis.)

The Texas Administrative Code (TAHC regulations) may be accessed at:
http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=4&pt=2&ch=51&rl=7

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