



Texas Animal Health Commission

"Serving Texas Animal Agriculture Since 1893"

TAHC Releases All Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Quarantines in Texas

July 24, 2015

AUSTIN - Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials have released all premises quarantined for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Texas. The final premises was in Ward County, approximately 30 miles north of Fort Stockton, TX.

The two affected premises in Reeves and Pecos County were previously released.

Several states and countries may still impose enhanced entry requirements on VS susceptible livestock coming from Texas. Producers are encouraged to contact the state of destination for official requirements. For international export information, the USDA Veterinary Services office in Austin, Texas should be contacted.

The TAHC advises livestock owners to continue practicing VS preventative measures by minimizing livestock exposure to sand flies and black flies, which are known to transport the virus through biting.

- For more information about VS, visit the TAHC's brochure at http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_VS.pdf
- The USDA APHIS-VS fact sheet is available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/fs_vesicular_stomatitis_2012.pdf
- For additional information call 512-719-0700 or contact your local TAHC region office http://www.tahc.texas.gov/agency/TAHC_RegionalOfficeMap_2013.pdf
- The USDA APHIS-VS 2015 Vesicular Stomatitis Situation Report is available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/animal_diseases/vsv/Sitrep_072215.pdf

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock. The TAHC strives to keep Texas' livestock disease free, ultimately allowing for better marketability and commerce.