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TAHC Releases Vesicular Stomatitis Quarantine in Texas

AUSTIN, TX – Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials have released all premises quarantined for Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) in Texas. The only premises was in Johnson County, approximately 18 miles southeast of Cleburne.

A TAHC veterinarian examined the affected cow and herd mates 14 days after the onset of the lesions. No new cases of VS were detected, allowing release of the premises.

Several states and countries may still impose enhanced entry requirements on VS susceptible livestock coming from Texas for a time. Producers and veterinarians 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 http://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_VS.pdf

The USDA APHIS-VS Vesicular Stomatitis situation report:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/downloads/animal_diseases/vsv/Sitrep_121815.pdf.

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