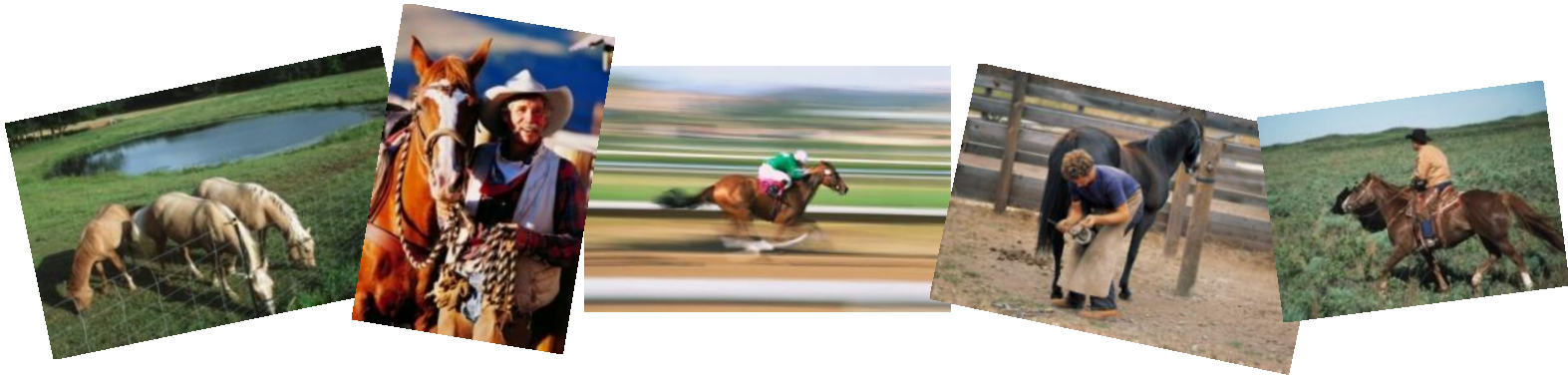


2012 NIAA Meeting

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Equine Infectious Anemia

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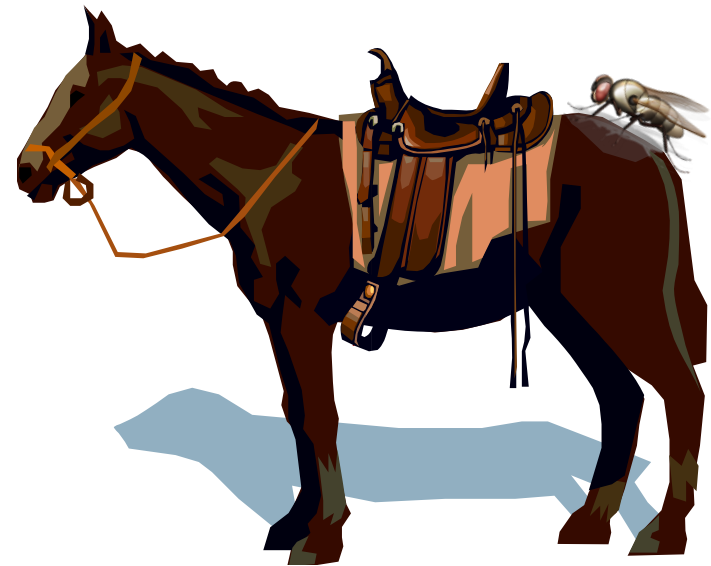


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Equine Infectious Anemia Proposed Regulatory Modifications

- History
- Proposed Concepts and Reasons for Change
- Outreach Activities

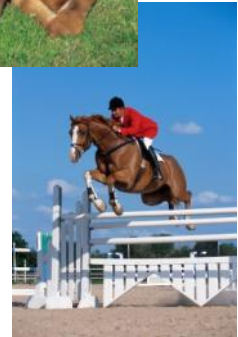


EIA Regulatory Process

- History- EIA; has traditionally been a concern for states and stakeholders

➤ Previous USAHA Resolutions

- ❖ 2006 Resolution 8 - EIA UMR to be placed in CFR
- ❖ 2004 Resolution 16 – Update the CFR to create a National State-Federal EIA control program.
 - Risk Based
 - Standardize and simplify EIA testing movement requirements



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EIA Rule Making Process

- USDA has started the rule making process
- USDA proposed rule progress continues and we are determining publication plans



The Proposed EIA Rule: Changes ahead

- The EIA Rule being drafted:
 - Is comprehensive
 - Creates flexibility
 - Standardizes movement requirements
 - Develops a national standard for control of EIA
 - Standardizes testing



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Comprehensive
 - Interstate transit
 - Exposed equine
 - Reactor equine
 - Laboratory requirements
 - Uniform standards document
 - Accreditation requirements



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- **Creating Flexibility**
 - Administrator Determination
 - Uniform Standards Document
 - Allows for local/State control and decision making processes



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EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Creates options for EIA exposed animal
 - State/Federal Epidemiologists have more control on EIA cases
 - Guidance provided in Uniform Standards Document
- Creates more options for reactor equine



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Standardizes
 - Standardizes procedures for collection and submission of samples
 - Standardizes requirements for horses in interstate transit



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Laboratory and testing
 - Provides flexibility for the future in EIA testing abilities
 - Provides standardization of laboratory requirements and result reporting



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Uniform Standards Document
 - A living document
 - Provides information on current rules and regulations
 - Lists Administrator requirements
 - Provides guidelines for Animal Health Officials.



EIA Regulatory Proposed Changes

- Transparency and Stakeholder input
 - Uniform Standards Document
 - ❖ Notification of Changes provided through *Federal Register*
 - ❖ Stakeholders will have opportunity to comment through the *Federal Register*



EIA Proposed Regulatory Changes

- Sample collections
 - Defines testing and movement requirements for EIA movement to be done by an accredited veterinarian, military veterinarian, State animal health official or Federal animal health official.



EIA Proposed Changes -Outreach

- Outreach activities
 - USAHA 2011- Buffalo
 - AAEP 2011 Annual meeting- San Antonio
 - National Equine Conference Call (State-Federal-Academia)-November 2011
 - AHC and AAEP conference call- December 2011
- To provide the opportunity for all stakeholders to comment on the proposed rule, the USDA is determining how to proceed with the publication process.



Questions?

