

Authorized Personnel Program Module 1

- *TAHC Overview*
- *Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)*
- *Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)*



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What is the Texas Authorized Personnel Program (TAPP)?

- Veterinarians in Texas who perform regulatory work on livestock, equine, poultry, or exotics of these species must first be authorized by the Texas Animal Health Commission
- Texas Agriculture Code (TAC):
Veterinarians must be “Authorized” by the Commission in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state/federal disease control or eradication program for animals.

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TAHC Authorized Personnel Modules

- TAHC/TAPP Overview, CVI's, and Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)
(50 minutes)
- Brucellosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, Trichomoniasis, Scabies and Mange Mites
(50 minutes)
- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), Fever Ticks and Foreign Animal Disease (FADs)
(50 minutes)
- Swine Diseases and Equine Diseases
(50 minutes)



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TAPP CE Opportunities

- Bovine Trichomoniasis Certification and Recertification
(90 minutes = 1.5 CE credit hours)
- TAHC Certified CWD Veterinarian
(60 minutes = 1.0 CE credit hours)
- Chronic Wasting Disease Training with sampling lab
(120 minutes = 2.0 CE credit hours)
- TB Cervidae – Single Cervical
(90 minutes = 1.5 CE credit hours)



TAHC Overview



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Texas Animal Health Commission

- TAHC is a state agency with legislative authority to pass rules related to livestock & poultry health:
 - Animal Health Assurance
 - Disease Control, Eradication
 - Prevent Production Losses
 - Maintain Trade Avenues
 - Animal Response in Disasters



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TAHC Leadership

- Dr. Bud Dinges, Executive Director, State Veterinarian
- Vacant, Assistant State Veterinarian
- Dr. Jessie Monday, State Epidemiologist





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13 TAHC Commissioners



Chairman Coleman Locke
Beef Cattle Representative

- Appointed by governor
- Serve 6-year “staggered” terms
- Oversee TAHC and convey rules
- Represent segments of the livestock industry and the public





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Working Group Concept

- Commissioners lead Working Groups that derive draft rules for TAHC consideration
- Active Working Groups in last 5 years:
 - Trichomoniasis
 - Animal Disease Traceability
 - Vet Authorized Personnel
 - Cervid Health
 - Cattle Fever Tick
 - Feral Swine
 - Fees
 - Piroplasmosis



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TAHC Rule Making Process

Examples:

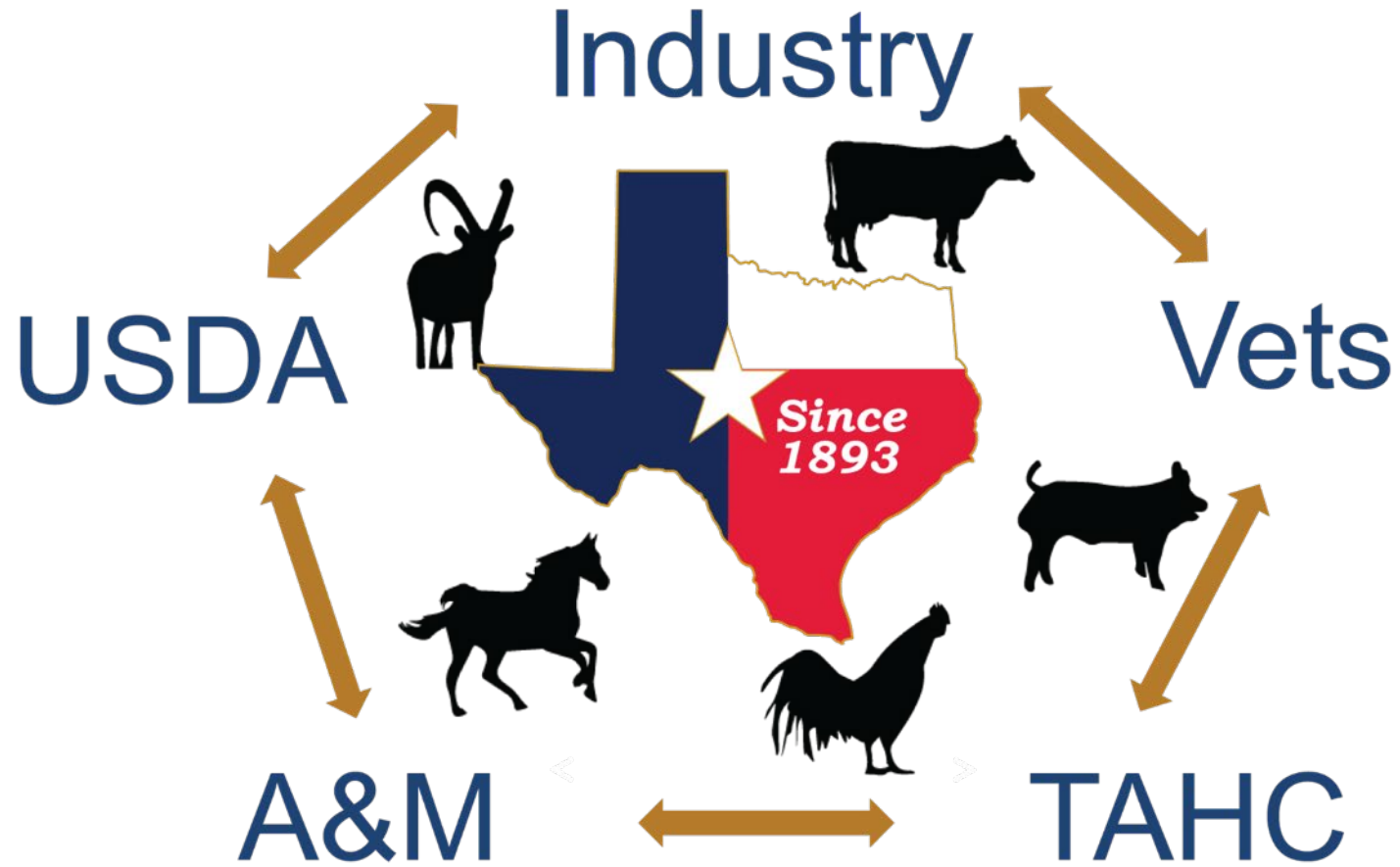
- Industry/Commissioner request – Trich & PED
- Staff suggestion – TB Quarantine Calf Ranch
- Federal rule change – CWD & ADT
- Emerging Disease – Equine piroplasmiasis

Must Have Statutory Authority to pass a rule



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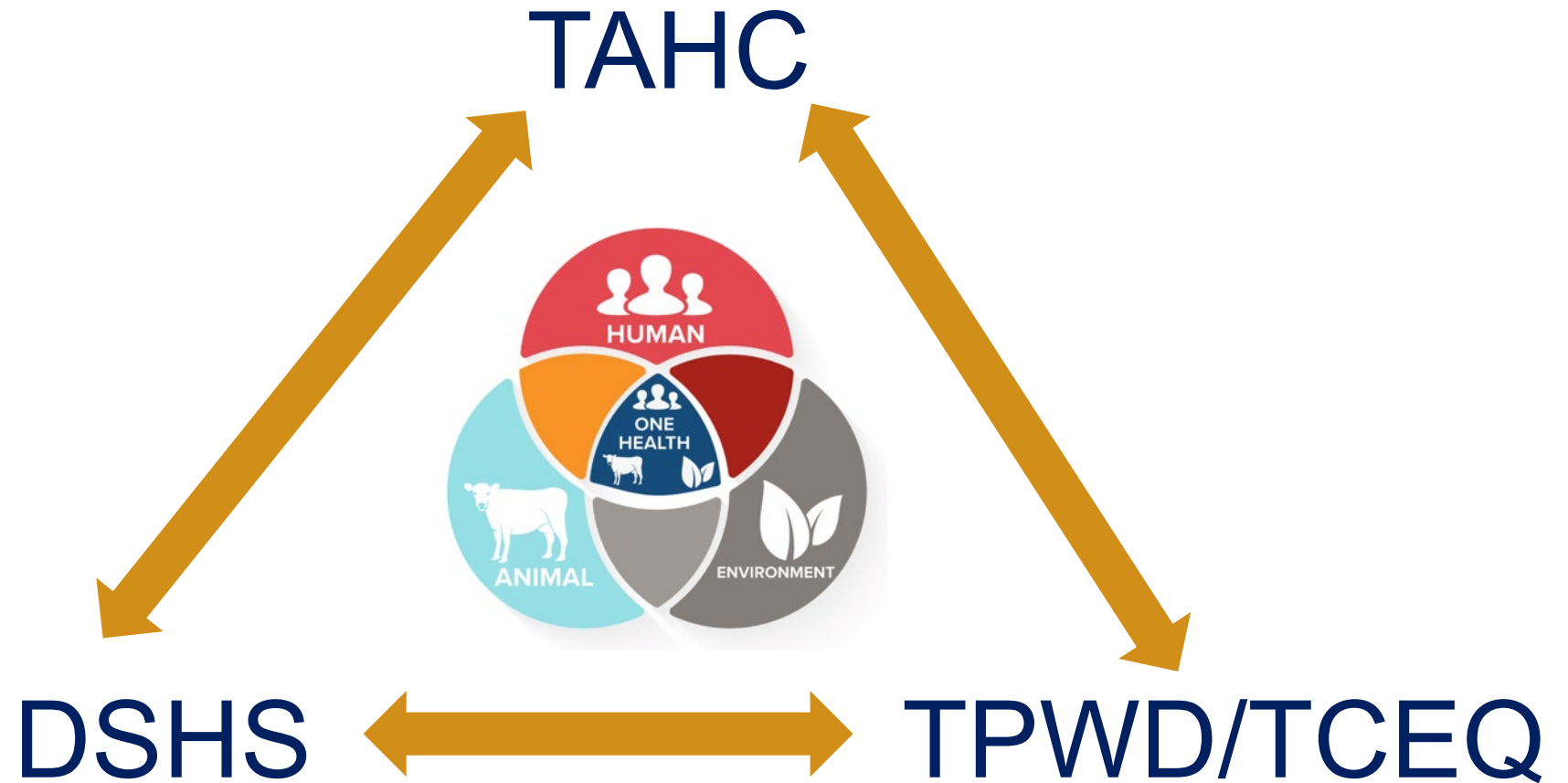
Texas Animal Health Partners





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Texas One Health Team





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Disease Programs Enforced by TAHC

- Brucellosis “Bangs”
- Tuberculosis “TB”
- Trichomoniasis “Trich”
- Equine Infectious Anemia “EIA”
- Equine Piroplasmosis “Piro”
- Scrapie
- Pseudorabies (feral swine interface)
- Swine brucellosis (feral swine interface)
- Chronic Wasting Disease “CWD”
- Fever Ticks
- Emerging and foreign animal diseases



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TAHC Region Offices

Amarillo Region

Agency Veterinarian, Nicole Sheedy, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Ty McCoy

Beeville Region

Interim Agency Veterinarian, Joseph Burkett, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Joe Gutierrez

Laredo Region

Agency Veterinarian, Vacant
Region Manager, Rene Garza

Giddings Region

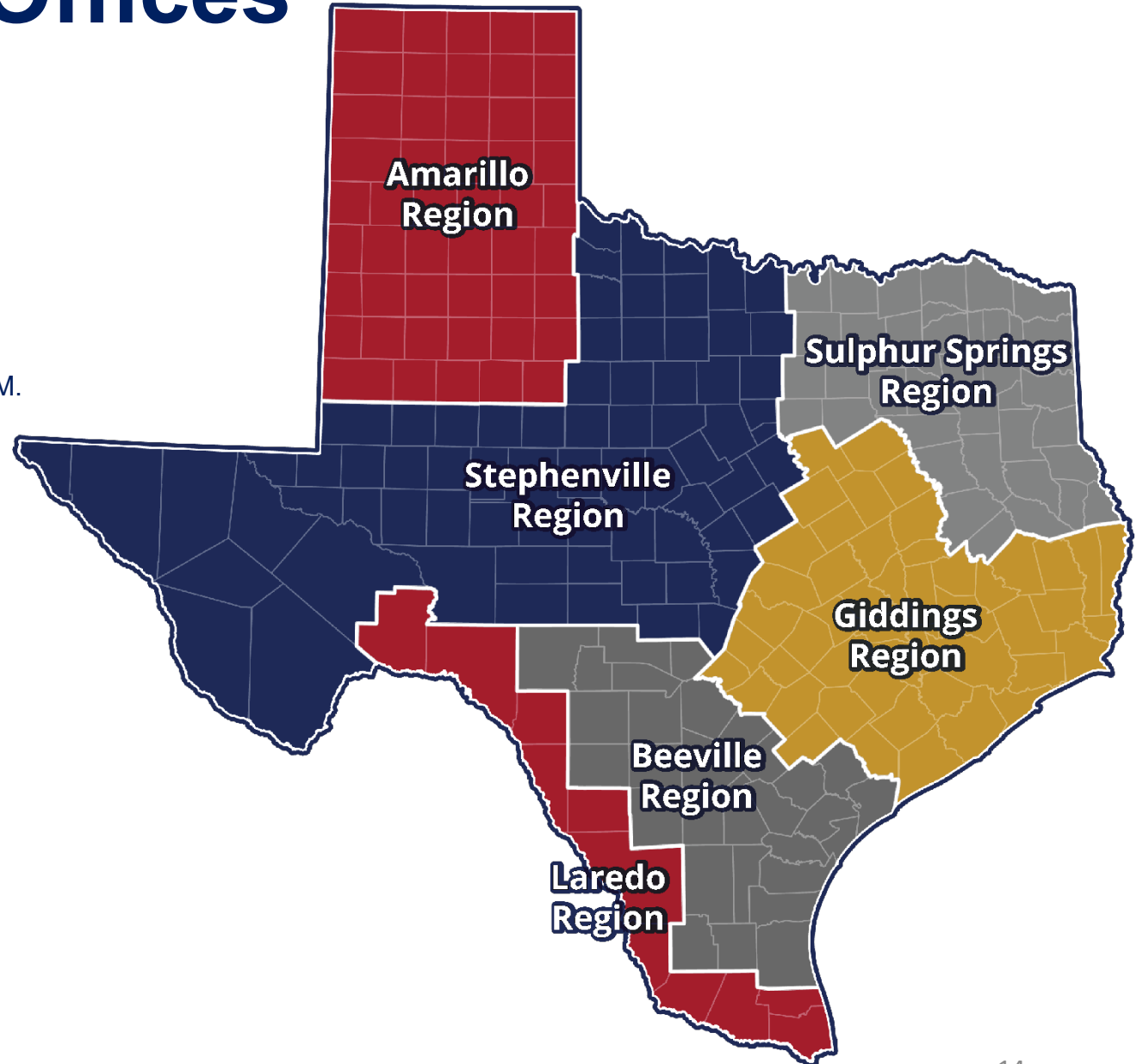
Agency Veterinarian, Vacant
Region Manager, Ryan Brockenbush

Stephenville Region

Agency Veterinarian, Dustin Dorris, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Trevor Powe

Sulphur Springs Region

Agency Veterinarian, Scott Munger, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Bill Curry





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TAHC Staff



- Veterinarians (10)
- Inspectors (130)
- Legal & Compliance (5)
- Laboratory (4)
- Communications (2)
- Emergency Management (3)
- Animal Disease Traceability (4)
- Entry Requirements (4)
- Certification Programs (2)
- HR, FS, IT, Support Staff (45)



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TAHC Veterinarians & Epidemiologists

Executive and Agency Veterinarians

- Test
- Diagnosis
- Educate
- Examine
- Identify
- Certify
- Report





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TAHC Livestock Inspectors

Monitor and inspect

- Livestock markets
- Feedlots
- Slaughter plants
- Test for diseases on local ranches
- Diagnostic sample collections
- Inspect regulated facilities





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Livestock Shipment Inspection

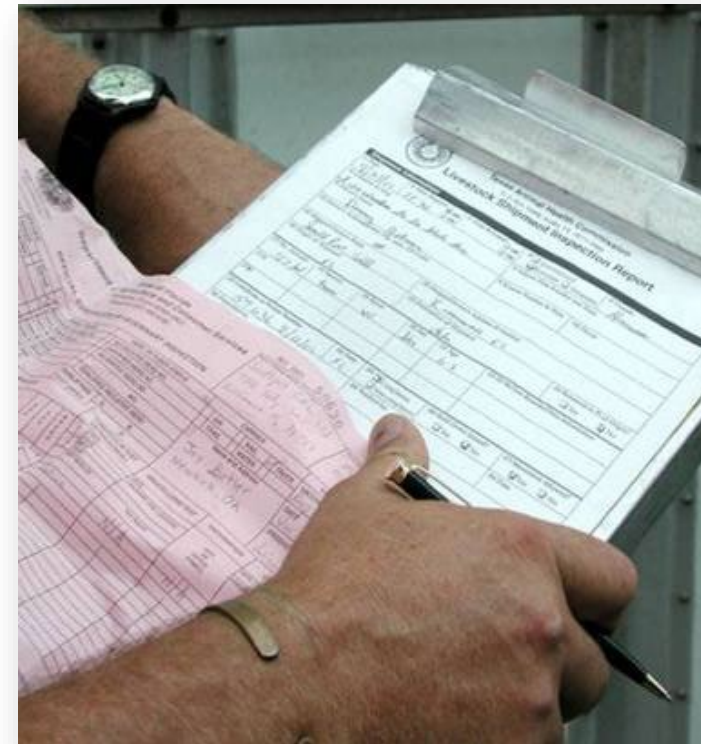




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Livestock Shipment Inspection

- Ensuring compliance with laws & regulations

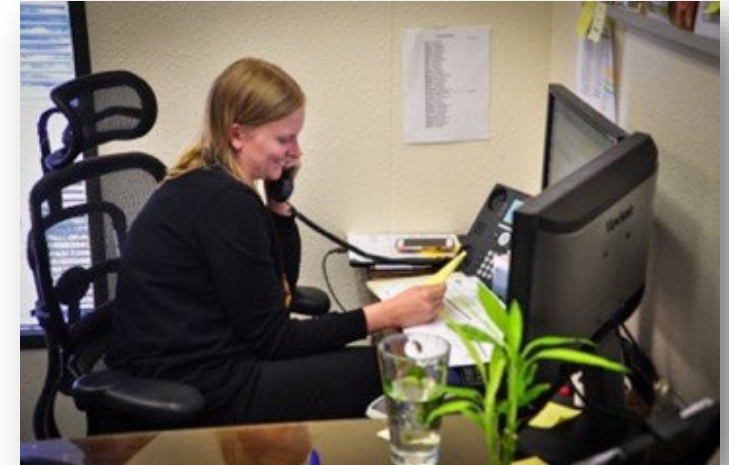




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TAHC Administrative & Support

- Provides Certificates of Veterinary Inspection
 - Paper & Electronic
- Program Records/Permits
 - Interstate & intrastate movement requirements
- Animal Disease Traceability
 - Premises Registration & Tagging





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TAHC Emergency Response

- Respond to animal health emergencies and natural disasters involving animals
- Detection, control, and eradication during foreign animal disease outbreaks





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TAHC Website Resource

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Search TAHC for... Q

Animal Health Veterinary Information Animal Movement Rules & Regulations Emergency Management Media Agency Information

Dallam County Elk Tests Positive for Chronic Wasting Disease. [Read more.](#)

Our mission is:

- to protect the animal industry from, and/or mitigate the effects of domestic, foreign and emerging diseases;
- to increase the marketability of Texas livestock commodities at the state, national and international level;
- to promote and ensure animal health and productivity;
- to protect human health from animal diseases and conditions that are transmissible to people; and,
- to prepare for and respond to emergency situations involving animals by conducting agency business in a responsive, cooperative and transparent manner.

In the News

- 1/25 First Case of CWD Detected in Free-Ranging Texas Whitetail, [read more](#)
- 2/20 is the last day to submit comments on the [CWD Rule Proposal!](#)
- [Learn more](#) about the detection of screwworms in Florida.

We are Social

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- Social Media Links
- Veterinary Resources
- Disease Info

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)



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Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

L I N E		TUBE NO.	OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION	DESCRIPTION	VACCINATION TATTOO SYMBOL	A	G	E	S	E	X	B	R	E	D	DATE OF INJ.	DATE OF OBSERV.	TEST INTERP.	Lab Card	PCFIA	SPT/STT	Interp	OTHER TEST		
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CERTIFICATION OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN
I certify, as an accredited veterinarian, that the above described animals have been inspected by me and that they are not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of tests are as indicated on the certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal interstate requirements. No further warranty is made or implied.

Accredited Veterinarian Signature _____
Printed Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

OWNER / AGENT STATEMENT:
The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate.

Owner/Agent Signature _____

Health certificates in Texas cost \$7 each due to state law passed in 2007.

Sample



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Texas CVI Options

Order Method	CVI Format	Processing Time	Shipping Time	Payment Method	Convenience Fee
Order by Mail	Paper	1 business day upon receipt of order form	2-3 business days via Lonestar Overnight (TX)	Check or Money Order	None
Order Online	Paper	1 business day after placing order	2-3 business days via Lonestar Overnight (TX)	Credit Card or Electronic Check	\$3 per book
Issue e-CVIs from an approved vendor	Electronic	Contact Vendor Directly	Contact Vendor Directly	Contact Vendor Directly	Contact Vendor Directly

If you have questions or need additional information about ordering health certificates, contact TAHC Staff Services: 1- 800 – 550-8242 ext 788



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Electronic Certificates and Forms

- TAHC Electronic CVI's (eCVI)
 - <http://www.tahc.texas.gov/apps/ecvi/login.php>
 - 800-550-8242
- USDA – USDA VSPS
- Private companies – Global Vet Link (GVL), Vet Sentry, New Planet Technologies



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Life Cycle of a CVI

- Accredited and authorized veterinarian completes and issues CVI
- Paper CVIs
 - White (Original) copy – Accompanies shipment
 - Blue/Pink copy – Sent to TAHC office within 7 days
 - Yellow (Last) copy – Retained by the issuing veterinarian
- eCVIs
 - Printed copy – Accompanies shipment
 - Distribution copies – Automatically submits to origin and destination states by eCVI provider



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Interstate Movements

- Make sure all entry requirements are met for the shipment
- Call state office in the state of destination
- Check TAHC web page, click on Animal Movement Info box on left, then select Texas Entry Requirement
- www.interstatelivestock.com

The screenshot shows the website interface for InterstateLivestock.com. At the top left is the logo for InterstateLivestock.com, and at the top right is the text 'Hosted by USAHA NIAA National Institute for Animal Agriculture'. The main heading is 'Interstate Animal Movement Requirements' with the subtext 'Quick, accurate access to state import requirements for livestock.' Below this is a search bar with a red 'ADDRESS' label on the left and a red 'FIND TAGGING SITE' button on the right. To the right of the search bar is a 'FIND REQUIREMENTS...' section with a blue header. It contains a paragraph of introductory text and three dropdown menus: 'FROM' with 'Select Origin', 'TO' with 'Select Destination', and 'SPECIES' with 'Cattle'. A blue 'FIND' button is located at the bottom right of this section.



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Interstate Movements

Other pertinent information:

- Call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242 or a TAHC Region Office
- Or call the USDA-APHIS-VS office in Austin at 512-383-2400
- Stay out of trouble! Ask first!

The only dumb question... is the one you didn't ask!!

Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)



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National/State Animal Disease Traceability Program

- ADT is a cooperative program that is jointly funded and administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Texas Animal Health Commission.
- Animal disease traceability—knowing where and when diseased & at-risk animals are/have been—is important to ensuring a rapid response when animal disease events take place.
 - An efficient and accurate ADT system reduces the number of animals and response time involved in a disease investigation, which reduces the economic impact.



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Why Regulate Animal Movement?

- Stop disease spread
- Provide traces of movement
- Protect export markets
- Open new emerging markets





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USDA (Federal) Rule



- Only affects livestock moving interstate
- Directs state & industry to develop process
- Requires traceability standards for states which will be tested
- Requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
- CVI submission time for interstate movement is 7 days
- Requires permanent official ID on most classes of animals



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USDA rule requires all species of livestock/poultry moving interstate to have an official ID

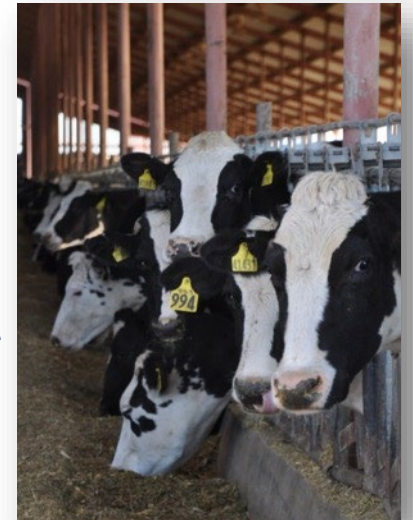
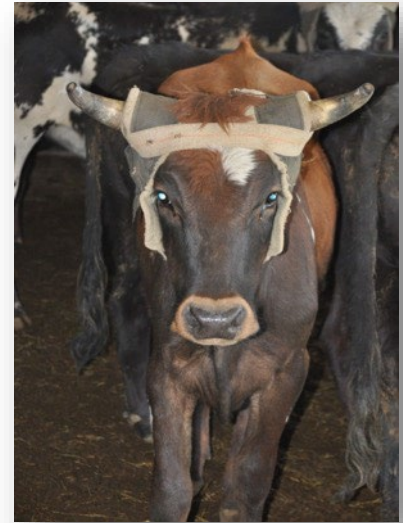
- Hogs/Poultry can move with 1 lot number
- Horses can move with tattoo, description or picture
- Sheep & Goats have ID program for Scrapie
- Cervids must have ID



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USDA (Federal) Official ID Rules

- Cattle may move to an approved tagging facility
- Markets can be designated as an approved tag facility
- Affects adult beef cattle (separate rule for feeders)
- All classes of dairy cattle must have official ID prior to movement from premise of origin
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreational events must have official ID
- Cattle of any age used for shows or exhibitions must have official ID





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USDA (Federal) Official ID Rules



Exemptions

- Animals can move from premise to slaughter without ID
- Animals can move from premise to *market or tagging center without ID
- Animals can move from premise to *market or slaughter without a CVI

* Interstate shipments can move to a federally licensed market, but not to a state licensed market without ID and CVI



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Texas Official ID Intrastate Rules

- Beef Cattle – 18 mo and older must have official ID
 - applied within seven (7) days of change of
 - ownership unless consigned to slaughter
 - buyer responsibility
- Dairy Cattle – must have permanent official ID applied prior to movement





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Acceptable Forms of Official ID

- US 840 RFID Tags
- USDA Metal Tags
- USDA Calfhood Vaccination Tags
- USDA Scrapie Program serial and flock ID tags
- Registered tattoos and firebrands
- Others- See complete list on [TAHC website](#)





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Official RFID Tags

- Authorized veterinarians can order RFID tags at no cost
- To place your order, contact the TAHC ADT Department
 - [512-719-0733](tel:512-719-0733)
 - animal_id@tahc.texas.gov



Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

Premises Registration
Official Identification
No-Cost RFID Program
Submit ADT Questions

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General Information
[TAHC Statutes & Rules](#)
[USDA ADT Website](#)

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Premises Registration

Before an official identification device can be ordered, applicators and/or owners must be assigned a nationally unique number. Once the nationally unique number has been assigned, the applicator and/or owner will provide the number to the official tag distributor.

General Information
[How to Obtain Premises IDs](#)



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Approved Tagging Facility

In order to be approved as a tagging site, the person responsible for the tagging site must agree to administer the tagging of livestock at their location in accordance with the following requirements:

- Obtain official identification ear tags only as directed by the commission
- Unload animals requiring official identification only when the owner or the person in possession, care, or control of the animals agrees to have the animals officially identified in accordance with approved tagging site protocols



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Veterinarian Responsibility for ADT

Veterinarians are required to keep records when applying tags to comply with interstate or intrastate rules.

Basic Concepts:

- Use acceptable ID
- Record owner information
- Keep records for 5 years