

**Texas Animal Health Commission**

***Authorized Personnel Course***  
***Part 1***  
***TAHC overview, CVI's & ADT***

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# Why are we Here?

- As a result of H.B. 3569 passed in 2013, People (including vets) 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.
- Existing Brucellosis Approved Personnel “Grandfathered” into the new TAHC Authorized Personnel Program (approx. 2000 vets)
- TAMU vet students will be “Authorized” prior to graduation
- Course focus will be vets new to Texas or didn’t take the class in vet school
- CEU credits available to all – approved by TBVME for 4 hrs
- Vet techs and lay people to be included in the future



# Texas Animal Health Commission Authorized Personnel Curriculum

- Texas Animal Health Commission Overview, Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and Animal Disease Traceability (50 minutes)
- Brucellosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, Trichomoniasis, and Scabies and Mange Mites (50 minutes)
- Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies, Fever Ticks and Foreign Animal Disease (50 minutes)
- Swine Diseases and Equine Diseases (50 minutes)

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# Texas Animal Health Commission Authorized Personnel Curriculum

- Additional Certification/Training
  - Bovine Trichomoniasis Certification and Recertification (90 minutes = 1.5 CE credit hours)
  - Chronic Wasting Disease Training with sampling lab (90 minutes = 1.5 CE credit hours)
  - TB Cervidae – Single Cervical



# Texas Animal Health Commission

TAHC is 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



# 13 TAHC Commissioners



Chairman  
Ernie Morales

represents cattle feed yards

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



# Working Group Concept

## Commissioner will lead group

Working Group derives draft rule concept 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



# TAHC Rule Making Process

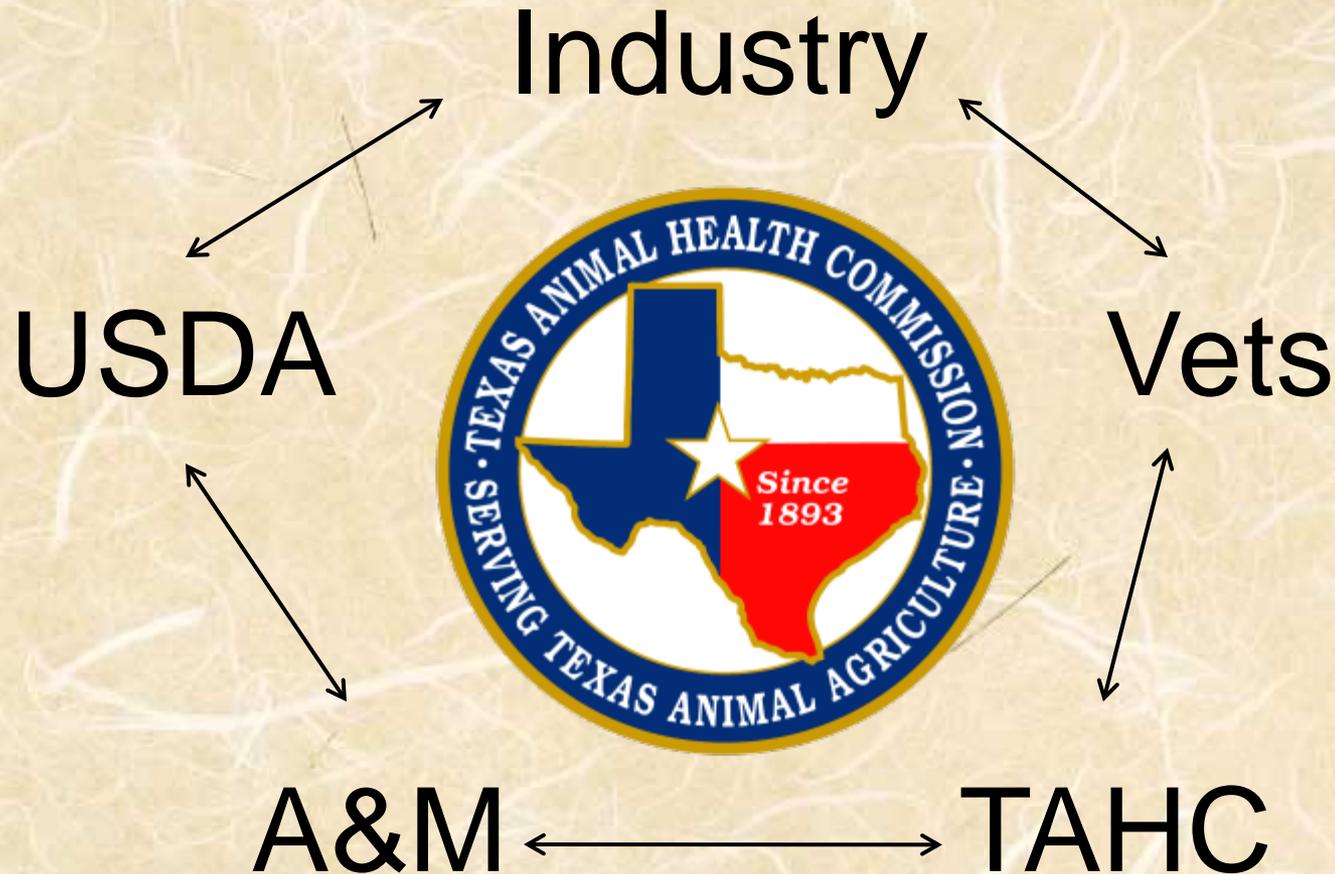
## Concept

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

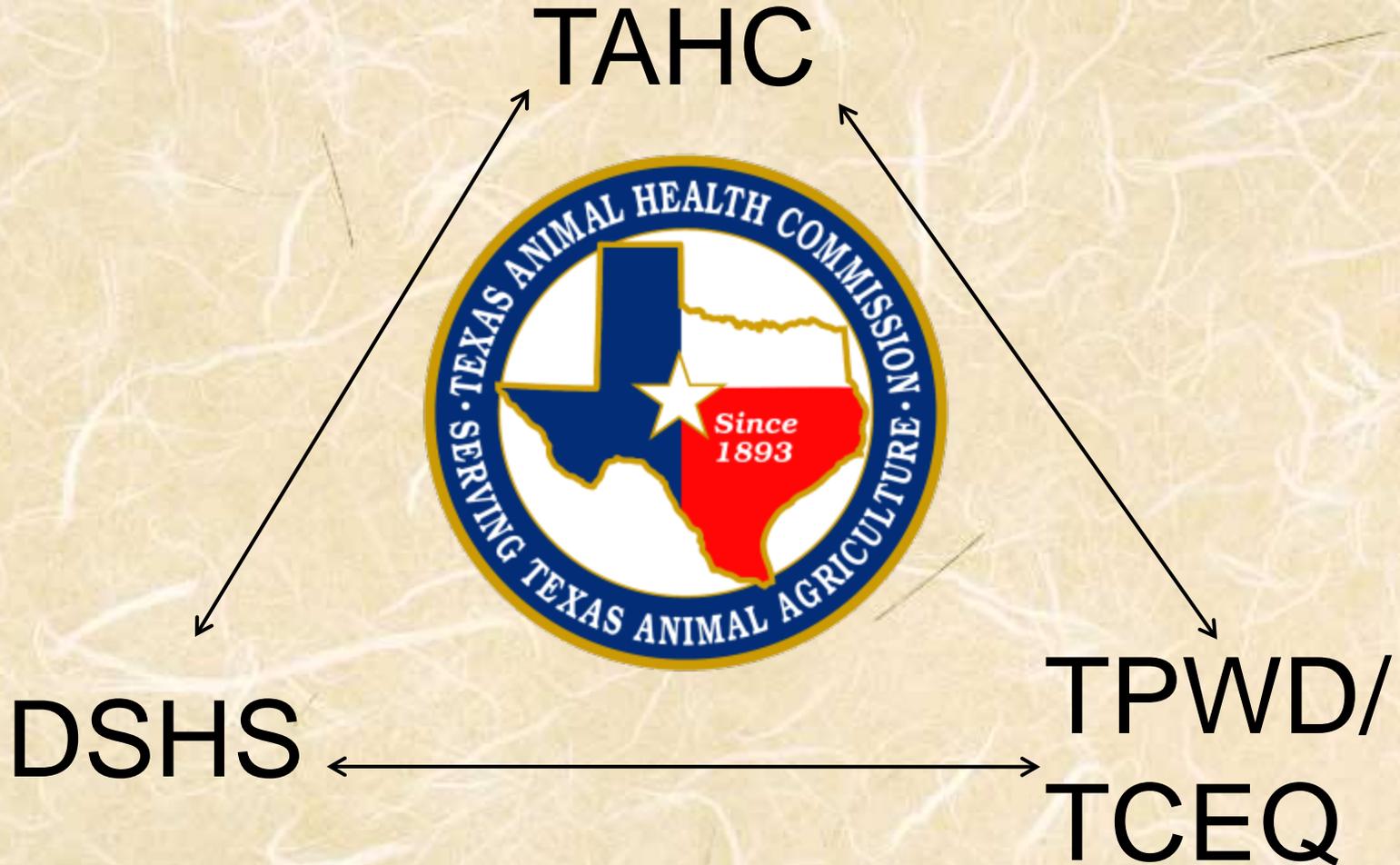
Must Have Statutory Authority to pass a rule



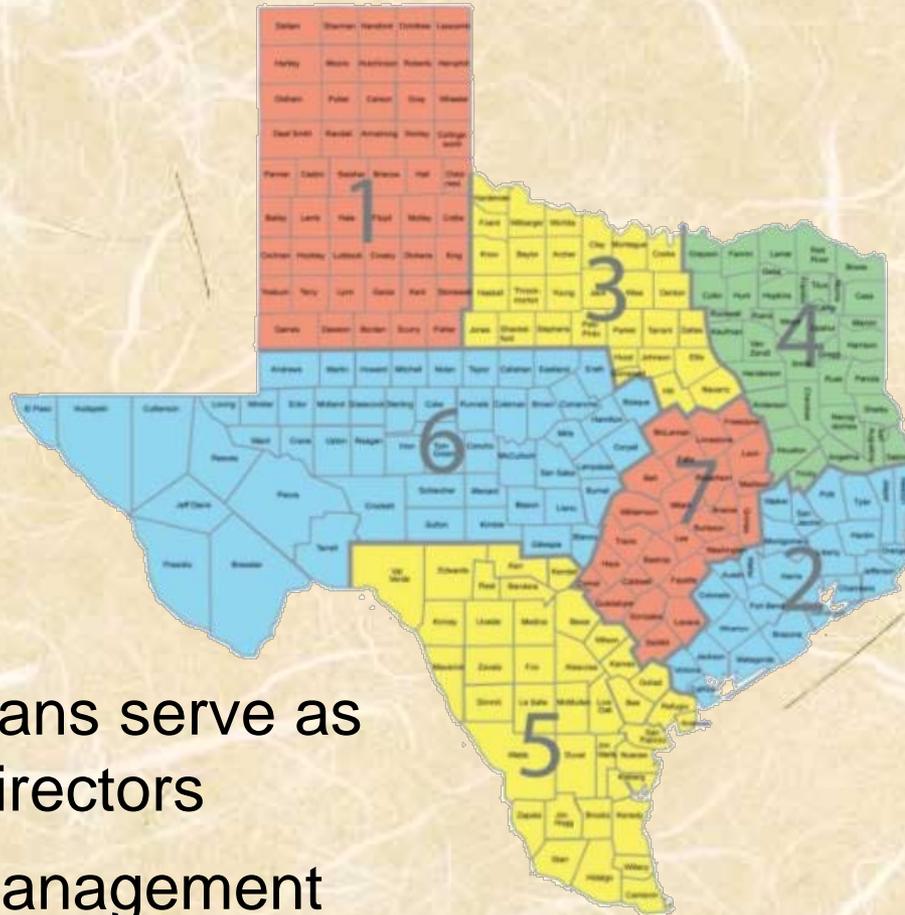
# Texas Animal Health Team



# One Health Team at the State Level



# Texas Animal Health Commission Regions



## Regional Headquarters:

Region 1- Amarillo

Region 2- Hempstead

Region 3- Fort Worth

Region 4- Mt. Pleasant

Region 5- Beeville

Region 6- Lampasas

Region 7- Rockdale

- Veterinarians serve as Region Directors
- Region management includes Supervising Inspectors



# Texas Animal Health Commission

- Veterinarians (14)
- Inspectors (55)
- Legal & Compliance (5)
- Laboratory (10)
- Communications/Public Relations (2)
- Emergency Management(3)
- Animal Disease Traceability (3)
- Entry Requirements (4)
- Certification Programs (2)
- Everything else (45)



# Disease Programs Enforced by the TAHC

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



# Vets/Inspectors perform

Farm Tests

Diagnosis

Epidemiology





TAHC staff  
Perform inspections  
and enforce intrastate  
and interstate rules at  
Livestock Markets

Texas has more than  
100 livestock markets.

Many markets have a  
private veterinarian also



# Market Surveillance

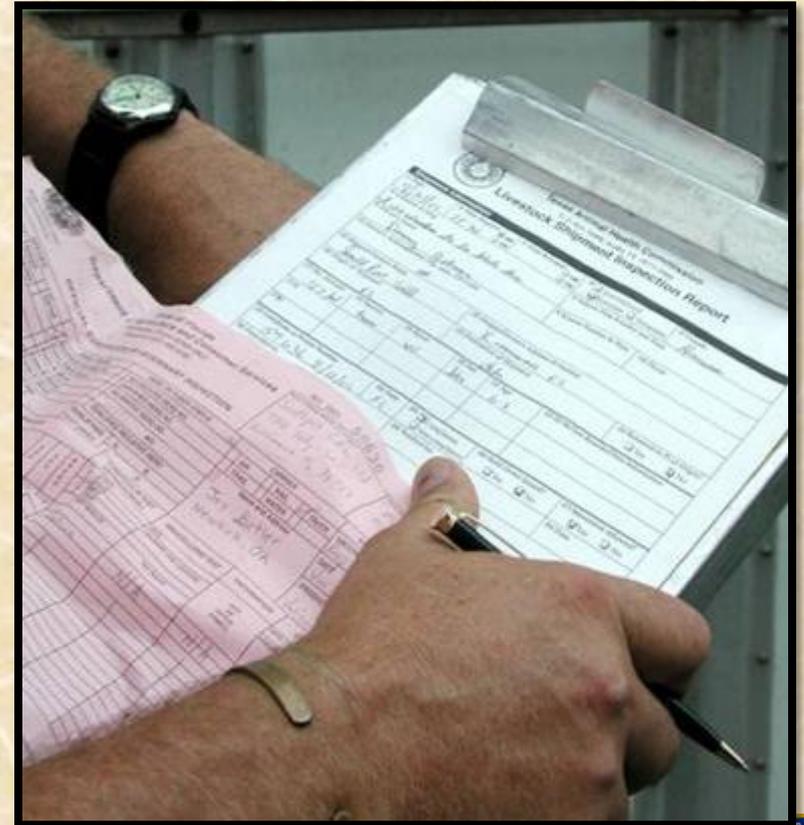
- Visual inspection of stock for signs of disease/parasites
- Brucellosis testing of adult swine by TAHC
- 50,000 cattle tested still for brucellosis by private vets/techs
- 12 markets still test



# Checking incoming livestock shipments



# Ensuring compliance with laws & regulations



# TAHC Website Resource



**TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

1-800-550-8242  
Site Search  
Google Custom Search

Sign up to receive TAHC news:  
**TAHC INSIDER**

Home  
**General Information**  
Agency Information  
Statutes & Rules  
Rule Proposals  
Fees  
Texas Entry / Show Requirements  
International Import/Export  
Health Certificates  
Animal Disease Traceability  
**Animal Health**  
Cattle Health  
Equine Health  
Poultry Health/Fowl Registration  
Swine Health & Feral Hogs  
Sheep & Goat Health  
Exotic/Cervid Health (Elk & Deer)  
Disease Information  
Emergency Management

### Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

#### ADT Information

- [Buying Adult Breeding Cattle? View the following TAHC ADT filer](#)
- [Animal Disease Traceability Rule Details: What You Need To Know](#)

#### Cattle Traceability & Tagging

##### Acceptable Forms of Official ID

A message to Agri-Life extension agents, veterinarians, and other interested parties

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##### Tag Allocation Partners

#### Relevant ADT News Releases

April 2014 **Radio Interview:** [Russell Iselt interviews with the Farm Bureau News & Views segment and talks about Animal Disease Traceability \(ADT\) updates.](#)

March 2014 **Radio Interview:** [Dr. Andy Schwartz interviews with the Farm Bureau News & Views segment and talks about recently adopted cattle rules \(following the Jan. 14 commission meeting\) for the Animal Disease Traceability, Trichomoniasis and](#)

Current information – Social Media Links – Vet Corner – Disease Info

<http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>



# Certificate of Veterinary Inspection



TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION  
 P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966  
 1-800-550-8242 x777 Fax (512) 719-0729

## CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

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Name of Consignor		Name of Consignee		Reconsigned To	Dated Issued
Address		Address		Destination	Void After
City and State	ZIP Code	City and State	ZIP Code	Permit Number	
County of Origin		Destination of Shipment	Consignee's Phone	Accredited Veterinarian	Date
Origin Premises ID		Destination Premises ID	Reconsigned Premises ID		Name: _____ Address: _____

<b>Species:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Goats <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Swine <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry <input type="checkbox"/> Horses <input type="checkbox"/> Cervids <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<b>No. of Animals Shipped</b> _____	<b>Purpose of Movement:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding/Grazing <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<b>Brucellosis Status:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Class Free <input type="checkbox"/> Class A <b>TB Status:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Mod. Accred. Adv.	<b>Herd or Flock Status</b> Cert. Bruc. Free Herd No. _____ Swine Bruc. Val. Herd No. _____ CWD Monit. Herd No./Status _____ Accred. TB Free Herd No. _____ Swine PRV Qual. Herd No. _____ Flock No. _____ Other: _____			<b>OTHER TEST</b> For _____ Lab _____ Date _____ Accession # _____ Results _____
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<b>CERTIFICATION OF ISSUING VETERINARIAN</b> 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 _____ Owner/Agent Statement Required? Yes _____ No _____ (Initial in blank) Printed Name _____ Telephone _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____	<b>OWNER / AGENT STATEMENT:</b> The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate. Owner/Agent Signature _____
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Sample





Name of Consignor		Name of Consignee		Reconsigned To	Dated Issued
Address		Address		Destination	Void After
City and State	ZIP Code	City and State	ZIP Code	Permit Number	
County of Origin	Destination of Shipment	Consignee's Phone	Accredited Veterinarian	Date	Carrier: <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Origin Premises ID	Destination Premises ID	Reconsigned Premises ID	Name: _____ Address: _____		

Species: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Goats <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Swine <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry <input type="checkbox"/> Horses <input type="checkbox"/> Cervids <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	No. of Animals Shipped _____	Purpose of Movement: <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding/Grazing <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Brucellosis Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Class Free <input type="checkbox"/> Class A TB Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Free <input type="checkbox"/> Mod. Accred. Adv. Other _____	Herd or Flock Status Cert. Bruc. Free Herd No. _____ Swine Bruc. Val. Herd No. _____ CVD Monit. Herd No./Status _____ Accred. TB Free Herd No. _____ Swine PRV Qual. Herd No. _____ Flock No. _____ Other _____		
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Sample

Health certificates in Texas cost \$7 each due to state law passed in 2007. Revenue goes to state Treasury, not the TAHC



# Texas Health Certificate 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, please contact TAHC Staff Services at 1- 800 – 550-8242 ext 788



# Electronic Certificates and Forms

Electronic data collection and transfer – certificates and forms –  
the way of the future?

- TAHC eCVI 800-550-8242

<http://www.tahc.texas.gov/apps/ecvi/login.php>

- GlobalVetLink Ames, Iowa –515-817-5704 eCertificates forms [www.globalvetlink.com](http://www.globalvetlink.com)

- USDA, Veterinary Services Process Streaming 877-944-8457 eCertificates, lab modules, accreditation module

<https://vsps.aphis.usda.gov/vsps>





State of Florida  
 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 Tallahassee 32399-0900  
 Telephone (850)410-0900  
 OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

Certificate #  
 02-IA-596  
 VOID AFTER  
 30 Days

<b>Consignor</b> Morgan's Test Farm Morgan, Ann. 42 Belclore Drive Ocala, FL 34343 352.352.test	<b>Consignee</b> Arkansas Farm's Jones, Betty Somewhere in Arkansas Little Rock, AR 72002 501.501.TESTR	<b>Carrier</b> Odds on Xpress Caddo, Texas 8000 Black Bird Lane Dallas, TX 75205	<b>Origin</b> Jake's Test Ranch Any Where Road Ocala, FL 34003 941.941.TEST	<b>Destination</b> Billy Bob Cyrus Country Music Lane Little Rock, AR 72001 501.501.TEST
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<b>Species</b> Equine	<b>Animals</b> 1	<b>Carrier Type</b> Truck/Trailer	<b>Purpose of Movement</b> Show/Exhibition
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**Permit No.**  
No permit required

Accession No.	Serial No.	Test / Test Type	Lab	Date Reported	Results
23TEST23	001-FL-596	EIA (Coggins) AGID (Agar gel immunodiffusion)	PROFESSIONAL VET LAB 10875 NW HWY 352.732-3338	2002-04-04	Negative

Vaccine	Vacc. Type	Manufacturer	Lot #	Date of Vacc.	Vacc. Expired
West Nile Virus	Modified live	Ft. Dodge	3454657	2002-04-01	2003-04-09

Animal ID	Name	Breed	Color	Age or DOB	Gender
Test Horse (1F3D4G5S4P7)	Test Horse	Paint	Tobiano	04-23-90	Stallion

**ID Type**  
Name  
(See animal photograph(s) below) Blue Eyes  
(Electronic ID)

Temp.	Head	Left Fore Limb	Right Fore Limb
100.1° F			
Left Hind Limb	Right Hind Limb	Other Marks	Brands
		see images	left hind 1/4's

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ACCREDITED Veterinarian NAME	ACCREDITED Veterinarian SIGNATURE	DATE	LICENSE No.
Alan Hertz, DVM Global Vet Clinic 2625 N. Loop Dr., # 2130 Ames, IA 50010 (515) 296-0860	<i>Sample DV...</i>	2002-04-23	IA 0415

The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate

OWNER/AGENT \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_



# Example:

# Electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST		EIA-16269 CERTIFIED COPY	
SERIAL NO. FL-16269	ACCESSION NO. FL 34589	DATE BLOOD DRAWN 3/21/03	
Forms Without Adequate Descriptions Of The Horse and Complete Addresses Including Zip Codes, and Telephone Numbers Will Not Be Processed			
NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER DRS DENNIS OR DEBRA VAN ROEKEL 18321 N OLGA DR Alva, FL 33920 239-693-1950	NAME & ADDRESS OF VETERINARIAN Van Roekel and Associates DVM PA Dennis Van Roekel, DVM 18321 N. Olga Dr. Alva, FL 33920 239-694-7177	NAME & ADDRESS OR STABLE/MARKET Van Roekel, DVM 18321 N Olga Dr Alva, FL 33920 239-693-1950	
VETERINARY LICENSE OR ACCREDITATION NO. 1373	TEST TYPE AGID (Agar gel immunodiffusion)	REASON FOR TESTING Annual	
CERTIFICATION OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN I certify the specimen submitted with this form was drawn by me from the horse described below on the day indicated above			
SIGNATURE OF FEDERALLY ACCREDITED VETERINARIAN 	SIGNATURE NAME Dennis Van Roekel, DVM	SIGNATURE DATE 3/25/03	
CERTIFICATION OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT I certify that I have examined this form and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this form is true, correct and complete.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT	SIGNATURE NAME DRS DENNIS OR DEBRA VAN ROEKEL	SIGNATURE DATE 3/25/03	
TUBE NO. 1311-1	OFFICIAL TAG NO. N/A	TATTOO N/A	BRAND left hind quarters
NAME OF HORSE Scotch Bar Tommy		COLOR Sorrel/White	
ELECTRONIC ID. NO. N/A	AGE OR DOB 01.01.83	BREED Paint	GENDER Stallion
REMARKS: Overo			
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (See animal photograph(s) below)			
HEAD	OTHER MARKS AND BRANDS left hind quarters		
LEFT FORELIMB	RIGHT FORELIMB		
LEFT HINDLIMB	RIGHT HINDLIMB		
FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY			
LABORATORY Kissimmee Diagnostic Laboratory 2700 N. John Young Parkway Kissimmee, FL 34741 407-846-5200	DATE RECEIVED 3/23/03	DATE REPORTED 3/24/03	TEST RESULTS Negative
TECHNICIAN Laidler, Marnie	SIGNATURE OF TECHNICIAN		
Falsification of this form or knowingly using a falsified form is a criminal offense and may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (U.S.C. Section 1001)			



# Example:

## Electronic EIA Test Document



# Life Cycle of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

- TAHC Authorized, USDA Category II, Texas Licensed Veterinarian completes the CVI
- White (Original) copy – Accompanies Shipment
- Blue/Pink copy – Sent to TAHC office
- Yellow (Last) copy – Retained by the issuing veterinarian



# Animal health requirements for the state of destination...

Call state veterinarian in the state of destination,  
or go to TAHC web page

[www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us)

Click on Animal Health Info box on left,  
then select State Animal Health Web Sites.  
State veterinarians' offices listed.



# Continued...

Other pertinent information:

Call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242,  
or your 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...  
the one you didn't ask!!*



# Laboratory System



## Texas State- Federal Laboratory

8200 Cameron Road, Suite A-  
186, Austin TX 78754  
512-832-6580



The state-federal laboratory runs tests on more than 1.53 million blood & tissue samples a year



### Tests Performed:

- Brucellosis
- Bovine Tuberculosis
- Swine Brucellosis
- Pseudorabies
- Ectoparasite ID



**Tissue Culture**



**Tick Identification**



# National/State Animal Disease Traceability Program



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# Animal Disease Traceability

- USDA rule effective March 1, 2012 for all livestock & poultry moving interstate – Announced December 2012
- TAHC ID rule effective Feb, 2014 for beef cattle
- Both intended to quickly find animals related to disease investigations or traces for animal products or contamination in human food chain
- Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, BSE, Foreign Animal Diseases



# USDA (Federal) Rule

- Only affects livestock moving interstate
- Directs state & industry to develop process
- Requires traceability standards for states which will be tested later
- 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



# 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 already have ID program for Scrapie
- Cervids must have ID



# USDA (Federal) Rule - cont'd.



- 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
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreational events
- Cattle of any age used for shows or exhibitions

# USDA (Federal) Rule - cont'd.



## 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 or market or slaughter without a CVI



# Texas ADT Intrastate rules

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



# Examples of Identification

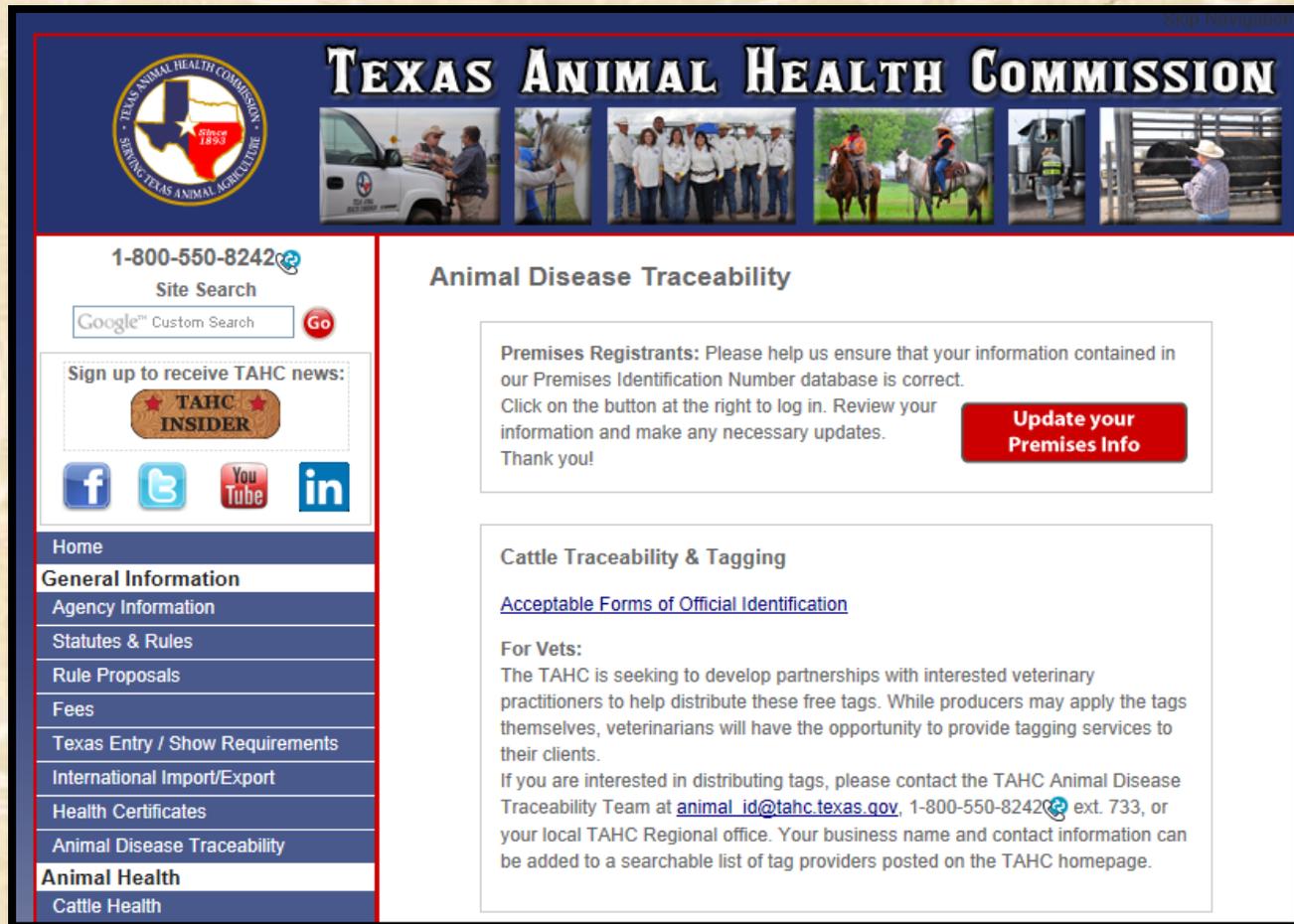


# Acceptable Tags

- US 840 RFID Tags
- USDA Metal Tags
- USDA Calfhood Vaccination Tags
- Commercially produced flap tag with ranch name and unique #
- Registered tattoos and firebrands
- Others- See complete list on TAHC website



# Cattle Traceability Information



The screenshot displays the Texas Animal Health Commission website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the commission's name and a "Stop Navigation" link. Below this is a banner featuring the commission's logo and a row of six images showing various agricultural and veterinary activities. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a contact number (1-800-550-8242), a site search box, a sign-up for news, and social media icons. The right column features sections for "Animal Disease Traceability" and "Cattle Traceability & Tagging".

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Health Certificates

Animal Disease Traceability

**Animal Health**

Cattle Health

**Animal Disease Traceability**

Premises Registrants: Please help us ensure that your information contained in our Premises Identification Number database is correct. Click on the button at the right to log in. Review your information and make any necessary updates. Thank you!

**Update your Premises Info**

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Find all tagging information on TAHC website: [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us)  
Find list of Tag Distributors



# Tag Distributor Search

## Tag Distributor Search

Select a county for a list of eartag distributors in your area.

Anderson	▲
Andrews	■
Angelina	
Aransas	
Archer	
Armstrong	
Atascosa	
Austin	
Bailey	
Bandera	
Bastrop	
Baylor	
Bee	
Bell	
Bexar	▼

Search

[Click here](#) for a map of eartag distributors.

For additional assistance, please contact the TAHC Animal Disease Traceability Team at [animal\\_id@tahc.state.tx.us](mailto:animal_id@tahc.state.tx.us) or 1-800-550-8242 Ext 733.



# 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.



# Veterinarian Responsibility for ADT

Under New Authorized Veterinarian Program Veterinarians will be required to keep records similar to Tagging Facilities when applying tags to comply with interstate or intrastate rules.

## Basic Concepts:

- Use acceptable ID
- Record owner information
- Keep records for 5 years
- TAHC will develop clear instructions in near future





“Because Livestock and  
Poultry Health Matters”

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