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Missouri Equine Council

Forty horses from one Clarksville, Arkansas farm have been euthanized after testing positive for equine infectious anemia (EIA)*, according to Arkansas State Veterinarian Pat Badley, DVM.

All testing conducted thus far supports a finding that the outbreak is both isolated and contained. Additionally, the Arkansas State Veterinarian has no scientific or anecdotal evidence leading him or others involved in the investigation to believe the virus they have detected in this group of horses is any different than EIA virus routinely seen.

Please visit the [Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission](#) website to view Dr. Bradley's August 24th press release and additional information that will be forthcoming regarding this matter.

We urge horse owners to be mindful of this EIA outbreak before traveling with your horses, and to be sure to have your Coggins papers with you if you do plan to travel. We would also advise that if you are traveling with your horse into Arkansas for a function, that you contact the event proprietor to ensure that they will be checking Coggins papers on ALL equines, both those in and out of state.

Respectfully yours,

Shelia Short
President
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*Equine infectious anemia is a viral disease that attacks horses' immune systems and is most commonly detected with the Coggins test. The virus is transmitted through the exchange of body fluids from an infected to a noninfected animal, often by blood-feeding insects such as horseflies, and more rarely through the use of blood-contaminated instruments or needles. Once an animal is infected with EIA, it is infected for life and can be a reservoir for the spread of disease. Obvious clinical signs of the disease include progressive loss of condition along with muscle weakness and poor stamina. An affected horse also could show fever, depression, and anemia.

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