



Animal Health Update

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Brucella ovis (ovine epididymitis)

Brucella ovis is a bacteria that infects the reproductive system of rams. This disease can be devastating because of a reduced lamb crop and extended lambing season, as well as culling of infected rams. The disease can be diagnosed through manual palpation, examination of semen, or blood tests. For more information about this disease, [click here](#).



Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM)

EHM, the neurologic form of Equine Herpesvirus-1, was confirmed in a horse in Davis County in March. This horse had attended an event at the Golden Spike Event Center in February, shortly before developing signs of the disease. Because of the cleaning procedures that were already in place at the Golden Spike Event Center and a responsible owner who immediately quarantined the horse and called a veterinarian, the outbreak was limited to a single facility, which has been released from quarantine. For biosecurity measures you can take to protect your horse from diseases like EHM, [click here](#).

News Briefs:

- 5 bulls have tested positive for trichomoniasis since testing began in October. The updates to the trichomoniasis rule will go into effect after May 24.
- Veterinarians, use our [Online Reportable Disease Form](#) to let us know about suspected/confirmed diseases on the [Utah Reportable Disease List](#).
- Visit the [Community Animal Response Program](#) page to find out how to volunteer to help animals in disasters.
- If you sell birds or eggs, and want to sell to other states, apply to be [NPIP-certified](#) (National Poultry Improvement Program).

Upcoming Events:

[Utah State Jr. Livestock Show](#)—4/28-5/1—
Spanish Fork

Horse races:

Golden Spike Coliseum

- [Challenge Races](#) Trials 4/18, Finals 5/1
- [Hadley Giles Futurity](#) Trials 4/17-18, Finals 5/1

South Jordan Equestrian Center

- [Beehive Futurity](#) Trials 5/15-16, Finals 5/29

