

Information regarding concerns relative to the diagnosis of Vesicular Stomatitis in 2 horses in Weld County, Colorado. The horses are on separate properties, which are now under quarantine and fly control measures have been implemented in their area. The information posted by the Colorado Department of Agriculture suggests that flies are the most likely source of infection for these horses.

Terry McDowell met with the Goshen County Fairgrounds Manager to discuss what steps can be taken to safeguard horses coming to the show. All manure will be removed from the grounds before we arrive and the area sprayed for flies. The stalls, arena and common areas will be sprayed with disinfectant. They also discussed additional fly control measures. Both Goshen County and the City of Torrington have an active mosquito and fly control program. Terry also spoke with the person in charge of the city's insect control, and he has agreed to spray the grounds thoroughly before our arrival.

The Wyoming State Veterinarian has imposed a 72 hour health certificate requirement on horses from any county where VSV has been diagnosed in the previous 30 days, so this would affect any horses coming from Weld County. Additionally, any horses coming from a state where VSV has been diagnosed will need to have a statement recorded on their Health Certificate by the issuing Veterinarian, stating that the animals "have been examined by me and found to be free from clinical signs of Vesicular Stomatitis. These animals have not been located on a premise where Vesicular Stomatitis has been diagnosed within the past thirty (30) days." The affected states are Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.