

A Message from the Nevada County Fairgrounds

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Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) Update and the Nevada County Fair Horse Show

At this time, the Nevada County Fair Horse Show will take place as scheduled on June 24 - 26 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Below is an update from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, as well as an update from the Nevada County Fairgrounds.

From the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

As of June 1, CDFA has advised the following:

Disease reports in California continue to be limited to horses exhibited at the National Cutting Horse Association's Western National Championships (NCHA) held at the Golden Spike Event Center in Ogden, Utah from April 30 to May 8, 2011 and the Kern County Cutting Event in Bakersfield, CA on May 13, 2011 or exposed to horses participating in these events. CDFA has quarantined all infected horses and continues to advise that horses returning from those events and horses that have subsequently come into contact with returning horses avoid moving from their home premises until California has gone 14 days without a new case of EHV-1/EHM.

When the current EHV-1 outbreak began, horse owners were initially advised to avoid nonessential transport of their animals to reduce the risk of exposure to, or spread of the virus among, the horse population. However, based on additional information obtained from the CDFA veterinarians, it has been concluded that the EHV-1 infection outbreak is centered around horses that were present at the events listed above. This includes cutting horses that did not attend either of above events but have subsequently come into contact with horses returning from those events.

From the Nevada County Fairgrounds

As planned the Nevada County Fair Horse Show is scheduled for June 24 - 26 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Entries are still being accepted through June 6, and post entries will be accepted. Books and entry forms are available at the Fairgrounds Office or on-line at www.mlhscircuit.com.

****As an added safety precaution, all exhibitors must complete an EHV-1 waiver to show proof that they have not participated in the events listed above, or come into contact with horses returning from those events. The waiver can be found at www.mlhscircuit.com.***

If the event is cancelled for any reason, refunds will be offered to all exhibitors. However, if an exhibitor chooses to cancel, a refund will not be issued unless accompanied by a veterinarian's release.