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Changes in Equine Infectious Anemia Testing

This is prior notification of upcoming changes for acceptable submission of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) samples to the Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (AVDL). On October 15, 2019, the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) issued new guidance for approved laboratories to conduct EIA testing. Changes will be phased in over the upcoming three (3) months. **Below is a checklist of non-compliances that could result in a delay in testing and your receipt of official results.**

Notice - Effective April 15, 2020

EIA submission(s) sent to AVDL with errors will be disapproved for any of the following reason(s):

- Missing/Incorrect information on form—Please see "Other" for explanation.
All fields must be filled out completely to avoid a delay.
- If any field is not applicable, write "None" or strike a line through; **do not leave fields blank.**
- Form used for submission is out of date—VS 10-11 (Feb 2018) is the current official version.
- Picture(s) or physical description (coloration, markings, scars, etc.) is inadequate.
- No current USDA Accreditation found for submitting veterinarian.
- Sample submitted in expired container or date of expiration is not evident on container.
- Other:

You will be required to make correction(s) and return corrected documents or EIA samples to:
Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, ATTN: Serology Lab, One Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72215.

Please contact the lab at (501)823-1730 if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, please bear in mind the prior notifications to AVDL patrons regarding sample submissions received in expired containers. Specimen containers with obliterated or missing expiration dates will be treated as **EXPIRED**. For further information, please visit <http://agriculture.arkansas.gov>.

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