

Equine Updates

Transylvania County, NC

Late Summer 2017

Pasture Management Equipment!

Transylvania Soil and Water Conservation District has the following equipment for rent which may assist with a pasture maintenance program:

Bulk lime spreader
Post driver or post auger
Fertilizer spreader
Conservation seeder
Manure spreader

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Equine Infectious Anemia: What to Know

Equine Infectious Anemia, or EIA, is a blood borne viral disease transmitted primarily through insects. It may infect horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules. EIA is much less common today than it was in the 1960s and 1970s, but remains a very dangerous disease.

A test for EIA, the Coggins test, was approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in 1973. The test uses a blood sample, and can determine if a horse is infected within two days.

There is no vaccination against EIA.

To reduce the risk of an EIA infection:

- Use sterile, disposable needles and syringes, one per horse, for all medication administration.
- Test all horses for EIA every year.
- Keep facilities sanitary. Regularly clean and dispose of manure.
- Implement approved insect controls, such as insecticides and good drainage of standing water to minimize fly presence.
- Only participate in equine events that require evidence of a negative Coggins test.
- Never mix infected and healthy animals.
- Follow all state laws regarding EIA.

Remember: the only protection is prevention!

NC State School of Veterinary Medicine



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New Legislation Regarding the Equine Industry

Following a recent legislative session in Raleigh, North Carolina, lawmakers amended certain equine-related laws. For those who provide boarding of horses, the new regulation states that if livestock (including horses) have been abandoned at a boarding facility for two months without boarding expenses paid, the owner of the boarding facility may “sell or transfer the livestock...or to otherwise humanely dispose of the abandoned livestock.” *N.C. Senate Bill 615, Section 4. G.S. 68-17.*

For further information regarding equine legislation, contact Transylvania County Cooperative Extension Services (828) 884-3109.

Upcoming Events:

- 2017 USEA American Eventing Championships. Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, NC. Wednesday, August 30, 2017 to Sunday, September 3, 2017.
- Saturday Night Lights at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. Free and open to the public.
- N.C. Championship Walking Horse Show. WNC Agricultural Center Thursday, October 5, 2017 to Saturday, October 7, 2017.

