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Since May 16th, 2011 the Department of Agriculture received laboratory confirmation of EHV-1 infection for a total of 3 horses (2 in Washoe Co, 1 in Elko Co). National statistics (released today) show that one additional premise in Utah reported secondary infection and Arizona, California and Idaho reported revised numbers for secondarily exposed, suspect and confirmed horses respectively since 6/2/11.

Dr. Phil LaRussa, State Veterinarian and Administrator, Nevada Department of Agriculture has issued a statement that: ‘ The only horses that are currently still under movement restrictions in Nevada are those horses that either attended the Ogden, UT event in early May or were exposed to Ogden attendees and subsequently developed disease.

All clinically healthy horses, regardless of their exposure status are free to move in state and interstate. Horse owners should feel free to attend shows and exhibitions, rodeos and cutting events. Event organizers and horse owners are very cognizant of the fact that the infection with EHV-1 is ubiquitous and that implementation of bio-security measures should be considered wherever practical to reduce the incidence of disease outbreaks.

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