

Personnel

- The division hired an Outreach Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Coordinator through our ADT grant. The division is incorporating lean techniques in reorganizing and improving workflow related to veterinary certificate of inspections (CVI), vaccination records and testing records.

Investigations

- Enforcement staff and brand inspectors attended and checked contestant and stock contractor livestock at multiple events and rodeos that took place in the Las Vegas area during December.
- The State Veterinarian and Agricultural Enforcement Officers continue in the investigation of multiple livestock neglect and abuse cases. These cases remain active investigations in conjunction with local Animal Control and Sheriff personnel.
- Staff are currently investigating a report of cattle that were possibly shot in eastern Nevada.

State Veterinarian

- Dr. Goicoechea is continuing to serve on a working group that is looking into a USDA proposal to eliminate free NUES tags.
- Recent purchases using cooperative agreement funds include EID tags for distribution to Nevada producers (brucellosis vaccination and bright tag replacement tags) and panel readers to demonstrate use of new tagging technologies.
- One significant outbreak of Strangles is ongoing in southern Nevada. Dr. Goicoechea has recommended a 21-day voluntary hold on the facility, requesting no horses in or out of the premise and he is providing education on biosecurity.

Administration

- PARC employees have provided technical assistance, non-lethal predator recommendations, and removal of predators where required across the state in the last quarter. Multiple species of predatory animals were addressed during the last quarter including coyotes, lions, rabbits, ravens, and feral swine. Employees provided public outreach to 91 individuals or businesses. Primary predators addressed included coyotes and ravens. 16 samples were taken from predatory animals during the quarter. Agricultural product losses verified by employees consisted of: Sheep 56%; Cattle 30%; Fowl, Crops, Equipment, Range 14%.
- The division continues to send out periodic emails to brand inspectors offering training tips and reminders for performing inspections. Additional in person group trainings will be scheduled in the future.
- Division staff continue to follow up and collect past due and current Livestock Assessment Tax (Head Tax) for 2017 and 2018. Staff has also compiled a list of all unpaid accounts, approximately 1,000 accounts, and will be sending out a final reminder notice.

March 6, 2019 Board Update

Animal Industry Division



- Enforcement Officer's last quarter statistics tracking sheet has been provided for reference.
- The Elko Laboratory continues moving forward with test development related to Trichomoniasis Molecular testing. The Biologist hired last quarter has been certified to perform Equine Infectious Anemia and T. foetus cultures and is currently performing tests for this region. Staff have also placed orders for the approved equipment for implementing this testing in the Elko laboratory.
- ADL hosted an outreach event for Washoe County's 4-H Youth Development Program. The outreach session included a tour of the laboratory facility and explanations of animal diseases including rabies, West Nile Virus and E. coli. ADL staff also participated in the Churchill County High School College and Career Fair. One of our Microbiologists attended to represent and discussed the field of laboratory testing in an Animal Disease Laboratory.
- ADL Supervisor, Laura Morrow, is now a member of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Governance Team and represented NDA at an ELC Meeting in Las Vegas. The ELC governs the grant related to West Nile Virus Testing for the state of Nevada.
- ADL's Veterinary Diagnostician attended the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) meeting which provides the latest information on veterinary diagnostics laboratory, science, animal health and disease regulation policy throughout the United States.
- ADL laboratory was chosen to attend a 3-day course, **Laboratory Methods for Detecting Rabies Virus**, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and hosted by the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Expert faculty from Federal and state public health agencies will use lectures and laboratory exercises to provide workshop participants with a comprehensive update in the laboratory aspects of rabies testing.
- ADL was awarded a West Nile Virus and Rabies grant to help support the community and provide funding to cover the costs of testing. The division continues in the process of developing and transitioning the agriculture dealers and agents licensing program to a digital format within the Ewell system.