

An Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) affected premises has been identified in the province of Saskatchewan. Please note the following information is in addition to what the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) already communicates to stakeholders which includes:

- notification to the relevant provincial veterinary service of any newly affected premises
- monthly federally reportable disease updates on the CFIA website (10th of each month), which includes the number of affected premises as well as individual animal cases
- communications with the owners or persons directly involved in the case, as outlined in the current EIA program policy

On February 22, 2019, positive EIA results were confirmed by the CFIA's national reference laboratory for four horses located on a premises in the rural municipality of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. The horses were epidemiologically linked to a previously identified case in Alberta, and were sampled by the CFIA as part of an ongoing disease investigation. An additional positive result was reported on February 26, 2019, for an epidemiologically linked animal, which was exhibiting clinical signs of disease. All of the infected horses have the same owner, but one animal currently resides on a separate premises.

As per program policy, a quarantine has been placed on the infected animals and the on-premises contact animals. The quarantine will remain until all disease response activities have been completed, including follow-up testing and ordering the destruction of positive cases. Trace-out activities may require the CFIA to undertake actions at additional premises as outlined in the current policy.

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