



Texas Authorized Personnel Program (TAPP) – Module 1

- *TAHC/TAPP Overview*
- *Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)*
- *Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)*



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What is the Texas Authorized Personnel Program (TAPP)?

- The Texas Authorized Personnel Program (TAPP) is Texas' state-specific authorization program for all veterinarians in Texas who perform regulatory work on livestock, equine, poultry, or exotics of these species
- Veterinarians performing regulatory work, including testing, vaccinating, and issuing CVIs, on these species must first be authorized by the Texas Animal Health Commission
- Texas Agriculture Code (TAC) §161.0417:
 - *Veterinarians must be "Authorized" by the Commission in order to engage in an activity that is part of a state or federal disease control or eradication program for animals.*





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TAPP Modules

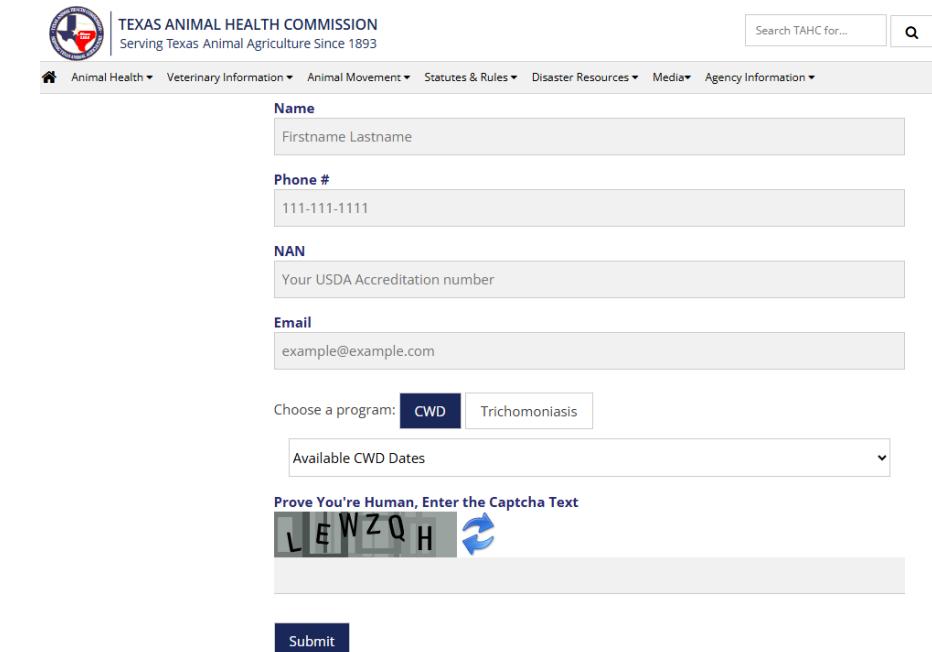
- Module 1 – TAHC/TAPP Overview, CVI's, and Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)
- Module 2 – Brucellosis, Bovine Tuberculosis, Trichomoniasis, and Scabies and Mange
- Module 3 – Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs), Fever Ticks, and Foreign Animal Disease (FADs)
- Module 4 – Swine and Equine Diseases



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TAPP Continuing Education (CE) Opportunities

- Bovine Trichomoniasis Certification
 - 90 minutes = 1.5 CE credit hours
 - Five-year certification
 - Webinars held monthly
- CWD Antemortem Certification
 - 60 minutes = 1.0 CE credit hours
 - Three-year certification
 - Webinars held bimonthly
- Register to attend Trich/CWD webinar on TAHC website



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Name
Firstname Lastname

Phone #
111-111-1111

NAN
Your USDA Accreditation number

Email
example@example.com

Choose a program: CWD Trichomoniasis

Available CWD Dates

Prove You're Human, Enter the Captcha Text
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Submit



TAHC Overview



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Role of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC)

- Protect health and marketability of all Texas livestock and poultry
 - Cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine family animals, exotic livestock
- Manage domestic program disease surveillance and eradication in Texas
- Respond to reports of foreign animal disease suspect(s) in Texas
- Manage the TAHC Authorized Personnel Program



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Role of TAHC

- TAHC is the state agency with legislative authority to pass rules related to livestock and poultry health in Texas
 - Animal Health Assurance
 - Disease Control, Eradication
 - Prevent Production Losses
 - Maintain Trade Avenues
 - Animal Response in Disasters





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TAHC Commissioners

- 13 governor-appointed commissioners
- Represent the general public and various livestock industries and professions
- Serve six-year staggered terms
- Study the regulatory needs of the agency, review public comments on proposed regulation changes, and adopt rules as necessary



Chairman Coleman Locke
Beef Cattle Representative



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TAHC Leadership

- Dr. Bud Dinges, Executive Director and State Veterinarian
- Dr. Thomas R. "TR" Lansford III, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant State Veterinarian
- Dr. Jessie Monday, State Epidemiologist





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TAHC Region Offices

Amarillo Region

Region Director, Vacant
Region Manager, Ty McCoy

Beeville Region

Region Director, Wayne Crouch, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Ty Billings

Laredo Region

Region Director, Sandra Leyendecker, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Rene Garza

Giddings Region

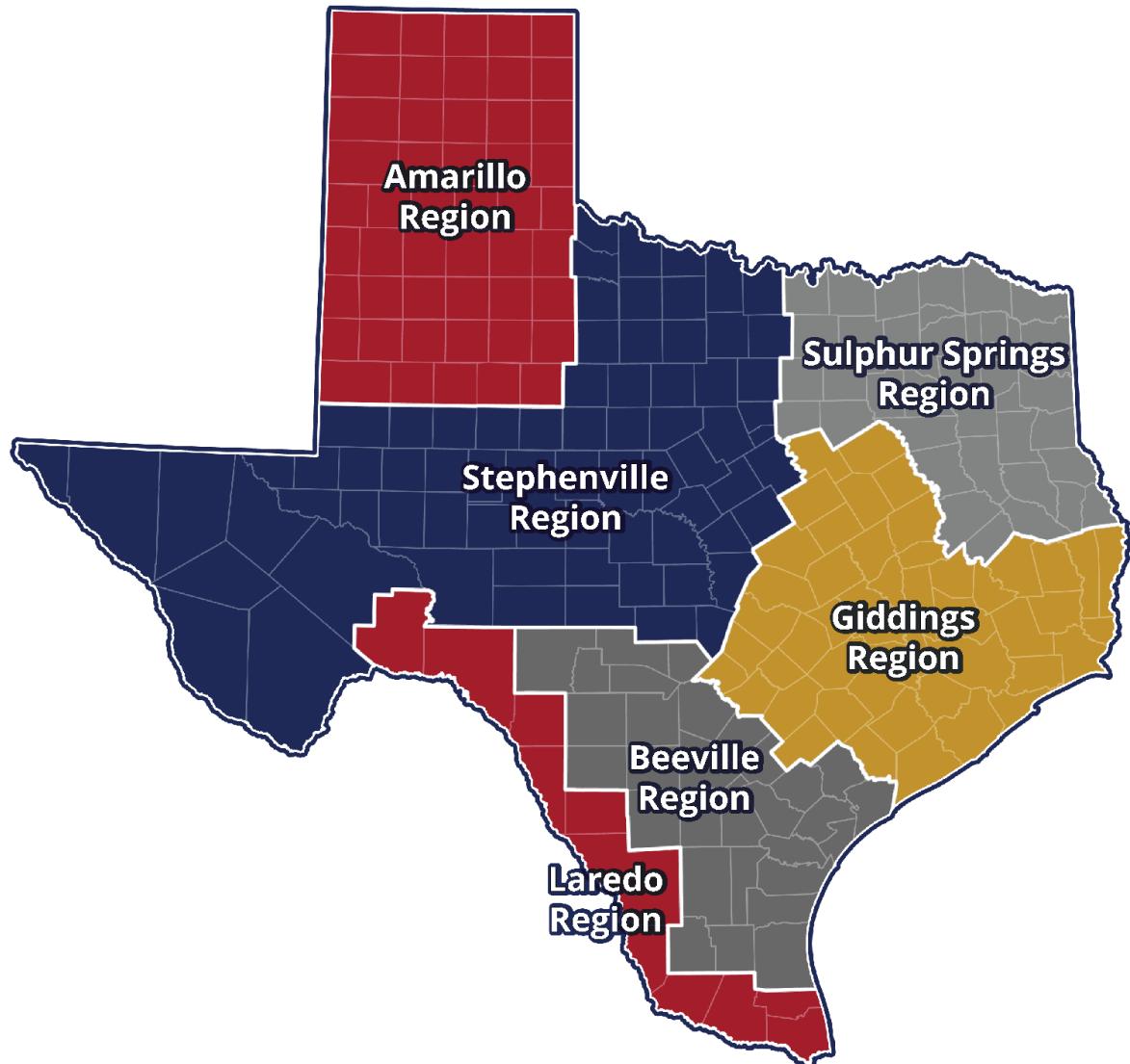
Region Director, Richard Myrick, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Ryan Brockenbush

Stephenville Region

Region Director, Dustin Dorris, D.V.M.
Region Manager, Trevor Powe

Sulphur Springs Region

Region Director, Vacant
Region Manager, Dallas Nicholson





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TAHC Personnel

- Veterinarians
- Inspectors
- Legal & Compliance
- Communications/Public Relations
- Emergency Management
- Animal Disease Traceability
- Entry Requirements/Permits
- Certification Programs
- Human Resources, Financial Services, IT, Support Staff





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TAHC Personnel

- Conduct field inspections
- Inspection of livestock markets
- Interact with producers and veterinarians
- Livestock/Poultry/Exotic Inspection Stations
 - Ensuring compliance with laws and regulations
- Respond to animal health emergencies as well as natural disasters involving livestock

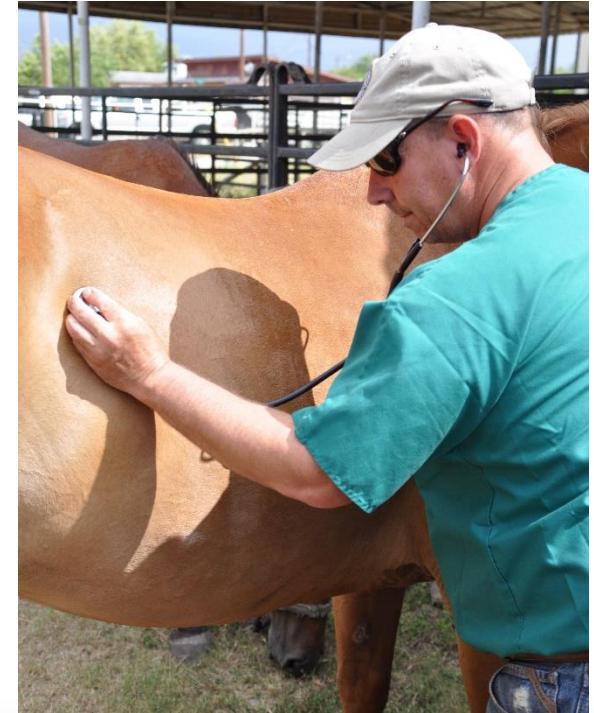




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TAHC Veterinarians & Epidemiologists

- Executive and Region Directors, Field Veterinarians, State Epidemiologist, and Field Epidemiologists
 - Testing
 - Diagnostics
 - Educate producers
 - Examine herds & flocks
 - Identify risks
 - Certify disease status/prevalence
 - Report to USDA, SAHOs, & OIE





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TAHC Livestock Inspectors

- Monitor and Inspect:
 - Livestock markets
 - Feedlots
 - Slaughter plants
 - Test for diseases on local ranches, dairies, poultry facilities, and other livestock operations
- Diagnostic sample collections
- Inspect regulated facilities like waste feeders and backyard poultry facilities





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Livestock Shipment Inspection

- TAHC Investigators conduct routine roadside inspections to ensure compliance with Texas livestock entry requirements





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Livestock Shipment Inspection





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TAHC Emergency Response

- Lead agency for detection, control, and eradication of program and foreign animal disease outbreaks through planning and response
- Respond to animal health emergencies as well as natural disasters involving animals





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Disease Programs Enforced by TAHC

- Brucellosis ("Bangs")
- Tuberculosis ("TB")
- Trichomoniasis ("Trich")
- Equine Infectious Anemia ("EIA")
- Equine Piroplasmosis ("Piro")
- Scrapie
- Pseudorabies (feral swine interface)
- Swine brucellosis (feral swine interface)
- Chronic Wasting Disease ("CWD")
- Fever Ticks
- Emerging and foreign animal diseases



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Working Group Concept

- Commissioners lead Working Groups that derive draft rules for TAHC consideration
- Past and present working groups:
 - Trichomoniasis
 - Animal Disease Traceability
 - Vet Authorized Personnel
 - Cervid Health
 - Cattle Fever Tick
 - Feral Swine
 - Fees
 - Piroplasmosis



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TAHC Reporting Number: **1-800-550-8242**

- To report a suspected or confirmed case of a reportable disease
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



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TAHC Website Resource

- <http://www.tahc.texas.gov>
- Social Media Links
- Veterinary Resources
- Disease Info



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Electronic ID Tags
Advancing Traceability to Mitigate Disease Spread

Request no-cost RFID tags for cattle through TAHC Animal Disease Traceability. ● ● ●

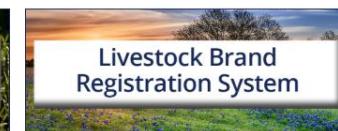
Our mission is:

- to protect the animal industry from, and/or mitigate the effects of domestic, foreign and emerging diseases;
- to increase the marketability of Texas livestock commodities at the state, national and international level;
- to promote and ensure animal health and productivity;
- to protect human health from animal diseases and conditions that are transmissible to people; and,
- to prepare for and respond to emergency situations involving animals by conducting agency business in a responsive, cooperative and transparent manner.

Hot Topics:



New World
Screwworms



Livestock Brand
Registration System

In the News

02/02 USDA Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program and Veterinary Services Grant Program Applications Now Open

01/31 USDA Takes Precautionary Action to Protect Texas Against Northern Spread of New World Screwworm

01/19 Equine Infectious Anemia Confirmed in Wichita County Horses

01/06 Anthrax Confirmed in a Briscoe County Steer

12/12 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Detected in Shelby County Commercial Flock

12/12 TAHC Commissioners Adopt Rule Changes

12/05 TAHC Rule Proposals Open for Public Comment

11/19 Neurologic Form of Equine Herpes Virus Confirmed Following Equine Ulcers



Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs)



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Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

Texas Animal Health Commission
P.O. Box 12966
Austin, TX 78711-2966
(800) 550-8242 x777

TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

Certificate

74-TAHC-100000

Contact State of Destination for Movement Requirements and Certificate Validity
Certificate is valid for 30 days from date of inspection.

FOR FOREIGN SHIPMENTS (Outside United States or Leaving United States) USE FEDERAL FORM

OFFICIAL USE ONLY: The Veterinarian issuing this certificate is accredited and has been authorized to inspect animals and issue certificates.

ENTRY PERMIT 555555		INSPECTION DATE: 12/01/2025				SHIPMENT DATE: 12/04/2025										
CONSIGNOR -- Contact Person at Origin		CONSIGNEE -- Contact Person at Destination				CARRIER (Transporter)										
First Name John	Last Name Smith	First Name Mary	Last Name Jones	Business Name John's Cow Farm				Business Name John's Cow Farm								
Business Name John's Cow Farm		Business Name Mary's Cow Farm				Physical Address 333 Rugged Road										
Physical Address of Animals 333 Rugged Road		Physical Address of Animals 144 County Road 2				City Muleshoe	State TX	Zip 22224	Phone Number 222-244-7777							
City Muleshoe	State TX	Zip 22224	County Archer	City Waco	State TX	Zip 55555	County	Transport Method TRUCK	Purpose of Movement SALE							
Phone Number 222-244-7777	Email	Phone Number 222-333-5555	Location ID					<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intrastate							
Consignor's Address (if different)		Consignee's Address (if different)														
		11 Wildcat Lane, Waco, TX 55555														
Location ID																
Total # Animals This 4	Veterinarian Comments and/or Statements All animals inspected are free from disease.				Flock/Herd Accredited Free Herd/Flock # _____				Current State/Area Status: Tuberculosis CATTLE: ACCREDITED Brucellosis: CATTLE: CLASS FREE PRV: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____							
SPECIES	# OF HEAD 1	OFFERED FOR SHIPMENT ID 840000000000123	OTHER ID (REGISTRY NAME, NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION)	AGE 3	SEX M	BREED BRAHMA	TB DATE INJECTED	TB DATE OBSVD	TB TEST RESULT	BRUC TEST DATE	BRUC TEST RESULT	BRUC VACC TATTOO	EIA TEST DATE	EIA LAB NAME / ACC#	EIA TEST RESULT	OTHER TESTS, VACCINATIONS/TREATMENT, PLEASE LIST DATE & PRODUCT USED
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OWNER/AGENT		VETERINARY CERTIFICATION - I certify, as an accredited veterinarian that the above described animals have been inspected by me and that they are not showing signs of infectious, contagious and/or communicable disease (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of tests are indicated on the certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal Interstate requirements. No further warranty is made or implied.														
The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate.		My printed name serves as my signature.														
Date 12/04/2025		Veterinarian Development Team				Phone _____				Email _____				development@tahc.texas.gov		
Address 411 Country Lane						City Texico				State TX				Zip 77777		
Signature		USDA Accreditation 999999				State of License TX				License # 9999						



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Price

- A \$7 fee incurs for all CVIs written by a Texas veterinarian
 - Texas Animal Health Commission Rule **§33.2**
 - (b) The commission will assess a fee of \$7.00 for each CVI
 - Third party vendors may include this fee in their prices and provide it to the commission, or it will be directly billed to the veterinarian



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Transition to Electronic CVI (eCVI)

- Starting January 1, 2026, TAHC began transitioning to only accepting and sending electronic CVIs
 - IMPORT:
 - **January 1, 2026:** Texas requires ALL import CVIs to be electronic
 - EXPORT:
 - **June 1, 2026:** Texas no longer sells paper CVIs for use by Texas veterinarians
 - EXPORT:
 - **January 1, 2027:** Texas requires all intrastate and interstate CVIs issued by Texas veterinarians to be electronic



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Benefits of eCVIs

- Instantly submits to sending and receiving state's offices
 - Veterinarians/clinic staff no longer required to physically mail certificates to TAHC office
- Helps reduce transcription errors by state animal health offices
- Increases processing speed by state animal health offices
- Improves animal disease traceability by allowing states to immediately access individual animal movement data
- Enhances states' ability to respond to infectious disease outbreaks, such as FMD and NWS



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Tips

- Check with destination state for current entry requirements
 - State's entry requirements can change over time
 - Some states have very specific requirements for certain species/scenarios
 - Ex: Breeding animals, swine fed raw garbage
- Always use official ID
- Always use full physical addresses
- Call TAHC if you are unsure—we are here to help!



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<https://www.tahc.texas.gov/vets/cvi.html#tahce-cvi>



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Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

Texas is going electronic!

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will begin to phase out the sale and acceptance of paper certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs) according to the timeline below.

- **January 1, 2026:** TAHC will no longer accept paper CVIs for imports. TAHC will require all import CVIs, for [interstate movement into Texas](#), to be electronic.
- **February 1, 2026:** TAHC will no longer offer online ordering of paper CVIs.
- **June 1, 2026:** TAHC will no longer offer paper CVIs for purchase.
- **January 1, 2027:** TAHC will no longer accept paper CVIs for imports or exports. TAHC will require all interstate and intrastate CVIs to be electronic.

Important: To purchase Certificates of Veterinary Inspection, veterinarians must provide a valid Texas license number and an active Category II accreditation number. To check your accreditation status, please contact a USDA Accreditation Coordinator at 512-383-2404 or d4txnvp@usda.gov.

Ordering Options

TAHC Electronic CVIs

- Create a TAHC eCVI account and [order on the TAHC eCVI web application](#). (Red circle)
- TAHC eCVIs must be purchased one at a time.
- TAHC eCVIs must be completed at the time of purchase.
- TAHC eCVI price is \$7 + a **non-refundable** Texas.gov convenience fee that covers payment processing and the maintenance of the Texas.Gov infrastructure.
- Payment accepted: credit card.



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TAHC eCVI Application

- For use by authorized Texas veterinarians

TAHC eCVI

Please Log In

First time using the application? [Create a new account.](#)

USDA Accreditation Number

Texas Vet License Number

Password

[forgot your password?](#)



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- ❖ Once generated, there will be options to print or save with instructions listed on the page
- ❖ eCVI's are automatically forwarded to the TAHC for processing, to the destination state, and to the issuing veterinarian
- ❖ If there is an error after generation, contact TAHC for further guidance

TAHC eCVI – eCVI Complete

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Word document titled "TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION". The document is a form for animal transport, with fields for consignor and consignee information, transport details, and a table for animal records. The "CARRIER (Transporter)" section is filled with "74-TAHC-100000". The "SHIPMENT DATE" is "12/04/2025". The "Purposes of Movement" section shows "SALE". The "Interstate" and "Intrastate" checkboxes are both checked. The "Current State/Area Status" section indicates "CATTLE: ACCREDITED" for Tuberculosis and "CATTLE: CLASS FREE" for Brucellosis. The "SPECIES" table lists four Beef Cattle with details like age, sex, breed, and test results. The "OWNER/AGENT" section includes a signature line and a statement about animal certification. The "VETERINARY CERTIFICATION" section is a declaration from the veterinarian.

The completed eCVI has been automatically emailed to the following recipients:

- Intrastate - Texas (tx2tx_cvi@tahc.texas.gov)
- Issuing Veterinarian (development@tahc.texas.gov)

iPad and tablet users, print the pdf CVI file that was emailed to you.

Desktop and laptop users - depending on your browser settings, the CVI pdf may display on this screen or in an Adobe Reader window. You may print the CVI from either location. You may also print the CVI file that was emailed to you.

To print from this screen, hover your mouse over the edge of the CVI and click the print icon or right-click anywhere on the CVI and choose **Print** from the pop-up menu.

[Logout](#)

[Purchase Another eCVI](#)

Log out



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Other eCVI Platforms and Providers

- USDA VSPS
 - Platform free to use with a VSPS account
- Third-party vendors
 - Global Vet Link (GVL)
 - Vet Sentry
 - SmartICVI
- If you work near border and/or issue CVIs for animals leaving multiple states, it may be advantageous to have an account with a third-party vendor
 - TAHC eCVI can only be used when an animal is leaving Texas
- TAHC CVI Webpage



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Entry Requirements

- Entry requirements vary by state and by event
 - Make sure all entry requirements are met for the shipment
- **Intrastate**
 - Shows and events will have a list of requirements for different species
 - Call or check show website before issuing CVI
- **Interstate**
 - Call destination state or visit their website to find up-to-date entry requirements
 - If an entry permit number is required by destination state, call state office and request one
- **Resource for state entry requirements:**
 - www.interstatelivestock.com



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Companion/Small Animal CVI's

- The same platforms can be used to issue CVIs for companion animals
- TAHC does **NOT** regulate the movement of any small/companion animals



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Costly CVI Mistakes... A Friendly Reminder

- DO NOT issue CVI without personally examining animal(s)
- DO NOT split blood samples (fraudulent)
- DO NOT ship animals with pending test results
- Do NOT let vet techs/clinic staff examine animals or issue certificates on your behalf

These are illegal actions.
Is risking your license, accreditation,
authorization, and reputation really worth it?



National & State Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) Program

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service-Veterinary Services



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Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

- Knowing where and when diseased and at-risk animals are or have been
 - Important to ensure a rapid response when animal disease events take place
 - An efficient and accurate traceability system reduces the number of animals and response time involved in a disease investigation
 - Does not *prevent* disease
 - Reduces the economic impact





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National/State Animal Disease Traceability Program

- Cooperative program that is jointly funded and administered by the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Texas Animal Health Commission
- Enhances ability to limit impacts of animal disease outbreaks to certain regions
 - Key to maintaining foreign markets
 - Readily prove disease-free status in non-affected regions of the U.S.
 - Ability to request foreign trading partners recognize disease-free regions or zones instead of cutting off trade for the entire country
 - Facilitate reestablishment of foreign and domestic market access with minimum delay in the wake of an animal disease event



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Why Regulate Animal Movement?

- Limit disease spread
- Provide records of movement for enhanced tracing
- Protect export markets
- Open new emerging markets





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USDA (Federal) Rule



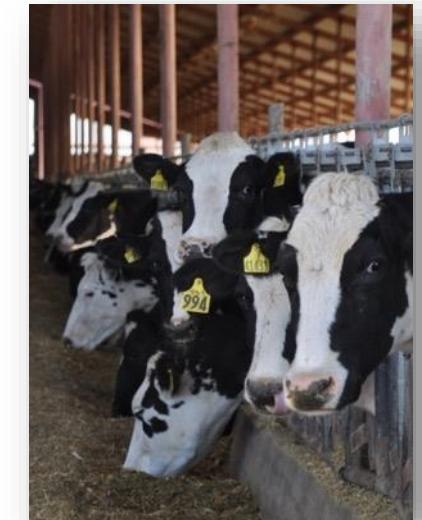
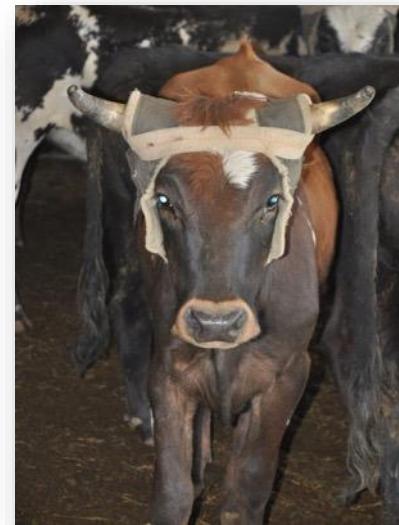
- Only affects livestock moving interstate
- Directs state & industry to develop process
- Requires traceability standards for states which will be tested
- Requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)
- CVI submission time for interstate movement is 7 days
- Requires permanent official ID on most classes of animals



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USDA (Federal) Official ID Rules

- Cattle may move to an approved tagging facility
- Markets can be designated as an approved tag facility
- Affects adult beef cattle (separate rule for feeders)
- All classes of dairy cattle must have official ID prior to movement from premise of origin
- Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo or recreational events must have official ID
- Cattle of any age used for shows or exhibitions must have official ID





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USDA (Federal) Official ID Rules

- Exemptions
 - Animals can move from premise to slaughter without ID
 - Animals can move from premise to *market or tagging center without ID
 - Animals can move from premise to *market or slaughter without a CVI
- * Interstate shipments can move to a federally licensed market, but not to a state licensed market without ID and CVI





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Cattle Official Identification

- Individual official ID is required to move across state lines for breeding cattle that are 18 months and older, plus all dairy and exhibition cattle
 - Current USDA rule requires official ID/ear tags to be visually and electronically readable for **interstate** movement
 - Current TAHC rule requires official ID/ear tags to be permanent and visually readable for **intrastate** movement
 - TAHC ADT department promoting and providing no-cost RFID tag distribution to cattle producers and accredited veterinarians across the state
 - Official ID use for regulatory testing in Texas
 - Trichomoniasis, brucellosis, tuberculosis



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Cattle Official Identification





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Acceptable Forms of Official ID

- “840” series RFID Tags
- USDA Metal Tags
- USDA Calfhood Vaccination Tags
- USDA Scrapie Program serial and flock ID tags
- Registered tattoos and firebrands (with registration papers)
- Complete list: [TAHC website](#)





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Sheep and Goat Official Identification

- **ALL** sheep and goats must have official ID when moving off their premises of origin, unless they are one of the following:
 - Sheep and goats moving with a group ID and owner/hauler statement, which includes:
 - Sheep and goats under 18 months of age in slaughter channels
 - Sheep and goats of any age shipped directly to a slaughter establishment that has agreed to act as an agent for the owner to apply official I.D. All the animals in a section of a truck must be from the same flock of origin
 - Sheep or goats that are castrated and under 18 months





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Swine Official Identification

- Official identification (ID)
 - Swine must be identified for interstate movement, sale, transport at the first instance listed below:
 - The point of first commingling of the swine in interstate commerce with swine from any other source;
 - Upon unloading of the swine in interstate commerce at any livestock market;
 - Upon transfer of ownership of the swine in interstate commerce; or
 - Upon arrival of the swine in interstate commerce at their final destination.
 - Depending upon the type of animal and purpose, approved swine official ID may include:
 - Official identification ear tag approved by TAHC or USDA;
 - Ear notching, if the ear notching has been recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association; or
 - Tattoos on the ear or inner flank, if the tattoos have been recorded in the book of record of a swine registry association



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Official RFID Tags

- Authorized veterinarians can order RFID tags at no cost
- To place your order, contact the TAHC ADT Department
 - 512-719-0733
 - animal_id@tahc.texas.gov



Animal Disease Traceability (ADT)

[Premises, Location & Flock Registration](#)
[Official Identification](#)
[No-Cost RFID Program](#)
[Submit ADT Questions](#)

Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) is a cooperative program that is jointly funded and administered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

ADT is knowing where and when diseased and at-risk animals are or have been. It is important to ensure a rapid response when animal disease events take place. Although ADT does not prevent disease, an efficient and accurate traceability system reduces the number of animals and response time involved in a disease investigation, which reduces the economic impact on owners and affected communities.

[General Information](#)
[TAHC Statutes & Rules](#)
[USDA ADT Website](#)



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Official Tag Allocation Form

- Used to allocate official tags when:
 - Applied by a veterinarian and not recorded on other regulatory documents **or**
 - When producers are provided tags to apply themselves
- All completed forms should be submitted to the ADT Department at animal_id@tahc.texas.gov



Official Tag Allocation

Tag Recipient

Name	Ranch Name / Office Name
Premises Address	Mailing Address (if different from premises)
Premises City / State / ZIP	Mailing City / State / ZIP
Premises County	Mailing County
Phone	Premises Identification Number (PIN) or Location Identifier (LID)

Tag Numbers Distributed

Starting Number	Ending Number	# of Tags

Tag Distributor

Date Distributed	Tags Supplied By	PIN or LID of Distributor
Comments		

TAHC Staff Use Only

Date Entered	Entered By
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Please submit the completed form via email to the TAHC Animal Disease Traceability Department at animal_id@tahc.texas.gov.



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Approved Tagging Facility

- To be approved as a tagging site, the person responsible for the tagging site must agree to administer the tagging of livestock at their location in accordance with the following requirements:
 - Obtain official identification ear tags only as directed by the commission
 - Unload animals requiring official identification only when the owner or the person in possession, care, or control of the animals agrees to have the animals officially identified in accordance with approved tagging site protocols



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Veterinarian Responsibility for ADT

- Veterinarians are required to keep records when applying tags to comply with interstate or intrastate rules
 - Basic Concepts:
 - Use acceptable ID
 - Record owner information
 - Keep records for 5 years